

## **STRATEGIES**

In support of achieving the vision and goals described in the 2007-2012 Strategic Plan, MCPS actively applies the following broad strategies:

- Use planned and sequential “building blocks” in development and delivery of curriculum from kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- Use assessment and instruction to challenge students to meet their individual potential.
- Analyze student achievement data frequently. Provide specific interventions when learning problems are identified.
- Encourage parent and adult involvement in support of academic and activity programs.
- Use school/community partnerships to better understand the needs and desires of the community regarding its public schools.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The MCPS Board of Trustees, elected by the community, has an obligation to safeguard the public’s trust in public education, and our decisions and actions should reflect that obligation. District dollars should be used effectively and efficiently to achieve positive results for students. The MCPS Board of Trustees bases its decisions and actions on the following set of guiding principles.

- We believe the District has a responsibility to provide students with a safe, motivating, innovative learning environment.
- We believe that all children, regardless of differences, deserve to be fully challenged and equipped to meet their individual potential.
- We believe that K-12 education should address the “whole child” and that holistic education leads to: A value for academic knowledge and competency; an appreciation for one’s broader community; a world view; and life-long love for learning.
- We believe that instructional competency and educational best practices in the classroom are critical factors in reaching individual student potential.
- We believe that physical and emotional health and wellness are important contributing factors to achieving the individual and collective goals of students and staff.
- We believe that a professional and supportive working environment is essential.
- We believe parent and adult involvement support, strengthen, and expand learning.
- We believe that a public school district has a responsibility to build community; develop partnership and cohesiveness in the community; and challenge the community to be everything it can be.

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