

“State of the Schools” Presentation



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District Mission Statement

The Jackson School District is a partnership of dedicated staff, learners and community members committed to developing the unique abilities of each student through compelling learning experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.

Our comprehensive, engaging and technology-enriched programs inspire, educate and motivate students to become independent, creative and critical thinkers who will thrive in a diverse, evolving global society.

We are resolved that through commitment to scholarship, character and initiative, our students will succeed beyond the expectations of New Jersey and Common Core Standards as they excel in their life-long pursuit of knowledge.

Statement of Values & Beliefs

We Believe That:

- All students can learn.
- Students learn best in an atmosphere of acceptance, tolerance and mutual respect.
- All staff will set high expectations for themselves and for their students.
- Education is most successful when individual learning styles, needs, and talents are respected and utilized.
- It is our responsibility to provide an environment that fosters creativity, develops critical thinking and promotes academic and personal growth.

Statement of Values & Beliefs

We Believe That:

- Attendance is essential to motivate students to learn.
- Current and relevant technology is an integral part of enhancing instruction.
- Offering diverse instructional opportunities in core subjects and in the fine and performing arts is essential to providing an effective and well-rounded education.
- Athletics and extra-curricular activities are valuable to a student's collective educational experience and to creating a culture of leadership, sportsmanship and initiative.
- Collaboration among highly qualified educational staff, students, families and the community will maximize the potential of all students.

District Goals

DISTRICT 2017-2018 GOALS:

CURRICULUM & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Implement Social Studies and Science Curriculum K-5
- Review Math 6-12 and Technology K-12
- Enhance student engagement practices district-wide
- Expand in-class resource to second grades
- Increase awareness of student mental health
- Monitor implementation and progress of Academy of the Arts
- Review implementation of standards-based report cards

2017-2018 GOALS: AQUAPONICS

GOAL: Launch aquaponics program K-12

What is Aquaponics?

Combining Aquaculture with Hydroponics

The cultivation of plants and fish in an integrated system.

Wastewater from fish tanks provides nutrients for hydroponically grown plants.

Plants filter water to return to the fish.

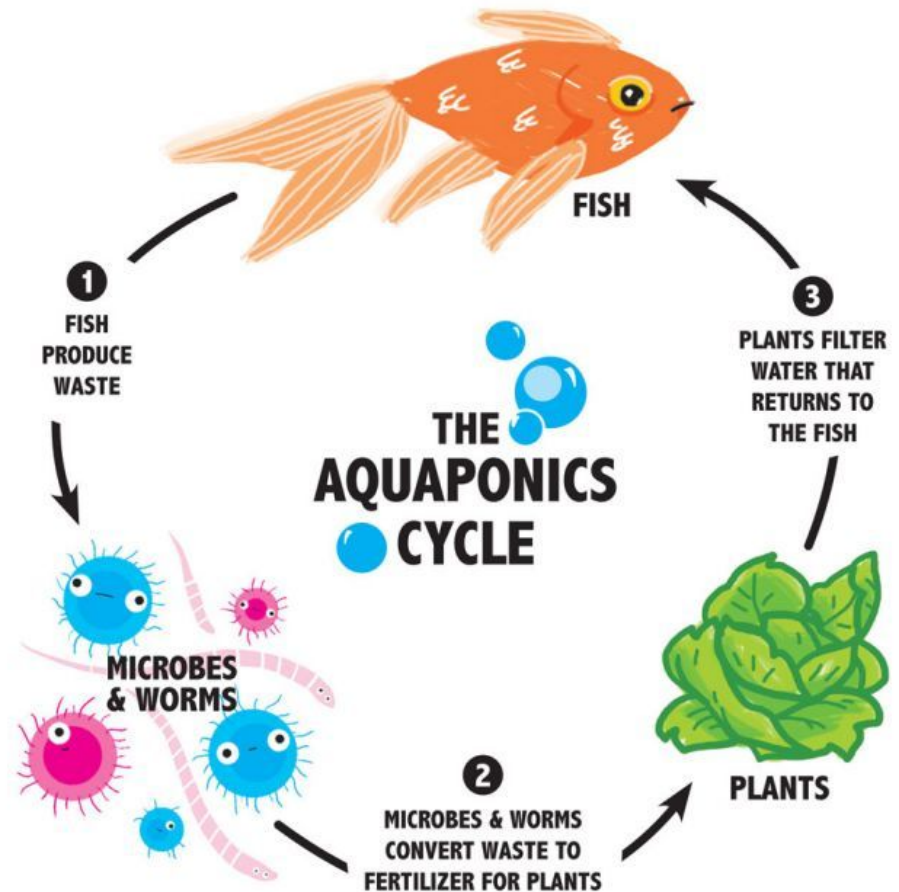


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2017-2018 GOALS:

FACILITIES

- Update Long-Range Facilities Plan (DOE)
- Continue to prioritize and plan new projects from Architect of Record
- Plan for the district's next large capital project – roof replacements
- Continue to enhance security measures in the district; install safety vestibules
- Decommission old sewer plant

2017-2018 GOALS:

FINANCE

- Pursue energy savings (Energy Manager)
- Pursue alternate revenue sources
- Explore document archival system

2017-2018 GOALS:

HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION

- Refine website features and structure
- Launch Blackboard Mobile Communication App
- Create Professional Development Website
- Reconnect/Develop Alumni Association
- Create Scholarship Committee and Alumni Association presence on website
- Develop/Embed Twitter Feeds
- Highlight/Promote use of technology tools in classroom

For the full presentation and notes of our
PARCC Scores from Spring 2016,
see the BOE Page on the district website.