



DISTRICT GOALS 2011-2012

Goal One

We seek to continue evolving as a community of learners in which each participant is supported in becoming passionately engaged in a process of continuous growth and improvement. Consistent with our mission and vision statements, we will continue to develop and support those facets of the North Shore Schools that place an emphasis on learning that is deep and meaningful.

- **Indicators of success or progress toward this goal will include:**
 - Evidence of students exploring essential questions and key problems
 - Evidence of students gathering and assessing relevant information and using abstract ideas to interpret it effectively
 - Evidence of students using skills to come to well-reasoned conclusions and solutions and test them against relevant criteria and standards
 - Evidence of students objectively entertaining competing ideas, evaluating those ideas and developing/defending a position while recognizing its weaknesses
 - Evidence of students engaging in effective communication and collaborating/cooperating with others in exploring solutions to complex problems
- **Specific tasks to be accomplished as part of Goal One during the 2011-12 School Year:**
 - Implementation of the NYS Common Core Learning Standards
 - Development and alignment of curriculum that promotes academic challenge, as evidenced through revision of curriculum maps
 - Continued development performance-based assessments that require critical and creative thinking and problem solving
 - Development and Implementation of New Annual Professional Performance Review
 - Support for and focus on effective instruction through coaching and supervision
 - Review of the Senior Year with recommendations for the 2012-2013 School Year
 - Continued review of the Ninth Grade Experience, with recommendations for the 2012-2013 School year
 - Development and implementation of an Action Plan for LOTE, based on the Tri-States Report recommendations. Consideration of changes in language course offerings
 - Development and implementation action plan for the Arts based upon the evaluation completed during the 2009-2010 School Year

Goal Two

Development of a comprehensive plan for the District as we move into life under a tax cap

- Adoption of a "Plan for 2020" that considers all strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats the district faces. In addition, the plan is to include particular alignment of program and revenue, and a detailed study of schools that have somehow thrived under tax caps. The Plan shall also address ongoing efforts in the areas of cultural proficiency and diversity.

Goal Three

In an ongoing effort to review district programs on a regular basis, the following programs will be evaluated during the 2011-2012 School Year

- Internal review of District Health Program
- Review Board Policies 0000-2521

Goal Four

Continue to seek ways to provide school property tax relief to local residents

- Continue ways to explore alternate sources of revenue
 - Capital Campaign
 - Grants
- Continue to advocate and lobby for legislative relief
- Work towards an equitable resolution related to the ramping down of the power plant at Glenwood Landing