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Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Molitor Superintendent



As we wrap up the school year, I'd like to thank our teachers, staff, students, school board members, families and neighbors for their continued support.

This year, we had the honor of working with many of you to guide the development of a strategic plan for JCSD 509-J. It was an amazing three-day process with an incredible group of people from throughout Jefferson County. More than 100 people showed up to talk about education and what our schools should do and look like in the future. We have never had such a collaborative process and it was more valuable than any of us could have imagined.

I'd like to say thanks to all of you who offered your time and insight to help shape the future of education for our students. This was the start of something big for our communities and it won't stop here. We will continue to work with your ideas and keep you involved along the way. Have a wonderful and safe summer! We will see you in the fall.

— Rick Molitor

A handful of participants from the JCSD Strategic Planning session attended a follow up meeting to share their thoughts about the strategic planning process.



JCSD communities come together to support education

JCSD 509-J recently hosted a three-day strategic design workshop that included students, parents, families, teachers, staff, administrators, business leaders and community members from Madras and Warm Springs. More than 100 people of various ages and cultures attended the workshop. Working together, participants have created a framework for the District's vision, mission and values.

"This is the first time we had such a diverse mix of community members and families coming together to support education," said Superintendent Rick Molitor. "The student involvement was

critical. They were so engaged and insightful and they had so much to contribute."

School administrators are now working to review and finalize these ideas and create a living document that will guide all work and decisions within the schools. This document will be sent out to participants for review and input, and will eventually pass through the school board for formal adoption.

Stay tuned for more information when school starts again in September. If you have questions or comments, contact Rick Molitor at (541) 475-6192.

"There was a good sample of community members. Participants were so appreciative of the process and the District team was so appreciative of their involvement."

— Megan Vibbert, parent and 2nd grade teacher, Madras Primary



(From left) Madras primary teacher and parent Megan Vibbert, community leader Erin Tofte and District team member Erica Crossan share their thoughts on the strategic planning process.



"The meetings were very productive and people were really listening to each other."

— Deborah Hunt, principal, Madras Primary



"The process was long, but it was much needed. We have to make sure it keeps moving forward."

— Joe Krenowicz, executive director, Madras-J.C. Chamber of Commerce

"I'm proud that the district is looking to the future and more innovative ways to teach kids. It was interesting to hear what the community wants from kids when they graduate."

— Erica Crossan, school bus driver and OSEA union chapter president

"What makes me proud is that we continue to be positive, learn from our mistakes, and make it better for our students."

— Zuleyma Canales, parent and District staff member

"I never got bored, we were busy the whole time. I would like for us to continue this and have more community members from Warm Springs involved."

— Reina Estimo, Warm Springs Family Preservation Program

"I want the best for my children, my family and my neighbors; these children deserve it."

— Diane Dominiak, assistant principal, JCMS

"I was impressed that the school district was reaching out this way."

— Erin Tofte, diversity coordinator, Let's Talk Diversity Coalition in Jefferson County and manager, Be the Change Clubs at MHS and JCMS



Calendar

July

- 7/14 School Board Meeting
7 p.m. SSB Board Room
- 7/28 School Board Meeting
7 p.m. SSB Board Room

September

- 9/9 First Day of School
Grades: 1-5
JCMS grade: 6
MHS grade: 9
WS grades: 1-8
- 9/10 First Day of School
JCMS grades: 7-8
MHS grades: 10-12

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WILL BE ON INDIVIDUAL
SCHOOL SCHEDULES

October

- 10/9 Non-Student Day