

# The 2018-19 Focus

### District, School and Department Goal Overview

# 2018-19 Goal Structure and Hierarchy

Model for District Goal Development & Implementation

Goal Hierarchy

- 1. Strategic Plan
  - a. District goals & objectives
    - i. Building/department goals

Goal Structure & Process

- All goals are aligned with the Strategic Plan
- Overarching District goals are supported by school/department-based goals and action plans
- School/department goals will be shared via report format
- District goals updated at year's end

# All Future Work Will Be Aligned with Our Vision for Tomorrow

To achieve its mission and vision, and to provide for the future of its students, the Irvington Union Free School District will:

- 1. Provide students with a rigorous, comprehensive, enriched and diversified curricula that will prepare students to achieve their personal best, and will integrate technology in their learning.
- 2. Encourage innovation, creativity and risk taking to inspire a dynamic learning environment.
- 3. Foster the social and emotional growth of all students and promote a culture where students are active participants in society.
- 4. Support educators through targeted professional learning and opportunities for collaboration.
- 5. Strengthen local connections to and ownership of our schools.
- 6. Ensure the fiscal health of the district and provide for a high quality learning environment.

### Strategic Plan: Our Vision for Tomorrow

# Our Mission for **Today**

The mission of the Irvington Union Free School District is to create a challenging and supportive learning environment in which each student attains his or her highest potential for academic achievement, critical thinking and lifelong learning.

Our schools encourage the discovery and development of students' individual strengths, skills and talents, and foster social and civic responsibility.

# Our Vision for Tomorrow

A community (educators, students, parents, community members) that fosters curiosity, understanding, innovation, compassion, creativity, social-emotional well-being, academic excellence and achievement.

A culture that acknowledges and respects individual differences and provides for varied opportunities for teacher and student learning and innovation.

Schools that provide local-to-global learning experiences through an in-depth, broadly defined and interdisciplinary curriculum, supported with meaningful teaching practices and service opportunities.

Students who demonstrate their learning through varied and diverse learning and assessment opportunities that measure valued knowledge, skills and dispositions and attend to their needs, passions, strengths, interests and learning styles.



# UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Strategic Objectives will serve as a foundation of all aspects of District and Board of Education work. Critical decision making such as budgeting, program development and facility enhancement shall be aligned with the District Mission and Strategic Objectives. To achieve its mission and vision, and to provide for the future of its students, the Irvington Union Free School District will:



### 2018-19 District & Administrative Goal Overview

### Focus #1: Strategic Leadership: Implementing Our Vision for Tomorrow

- Objective A: Advancing the Strategic Plan
- Objective B: Identify opportunities to increase stakeholder engagement
- Objective C: Enhance communication to engage, inform, and educate District stakeholders while enhancing the District brand.

### Focus #2: Instructional Leadership: Curriculum and Instruction

- Objective A: Implement instructional practices that elevate student thinking and understanding
- Objective B: Develop a balanced assessment system that measures students' content knowledge, skills, and dispositional thinking
- Objective C: Increase the use of data to inform instruction and planning

#### Focus #3: Financial and Operational Leadership

• Objective A: The Business and Operations initiatives shall support the Strategic Plan and the District's finances and operations

### <u>Focus #1</u> Strategic Leadership: Implementing Our Vision for Tomorrow



### Focus #1 - Objective A: Advancing the Strategic Plan

Outcome	Key Activities /Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Advancing the Strategic Plan to provide for the implementation of our Vision for Tomorrow	Identification of long-range staffing and program needs that support the implementation of the Strategic Plan	Presentation of needs that support the implementation of our <i>Vision for Tomorrow</i> ; Budgetary recommendations to reflect need and goals	1-6	October - November 2018
	Update District Plan for Curriculum and Professional Learning	Updated plan to outline future objectives, needs, and goals	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	September - October 2018
	Update District Technology Plan	Updated plan to outline future objectives, needs, and goals	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	September - October 2018
	Publish Strategic Plan updates for the BOE and community	Targeted communications designed to educate community on the <i>Vision for Tomorrow</i> ; Presentation to highlight Plan progress and future objectives	5	September 2018 - June 2019 November 2018

# Focus #1 - Objective B: Identify opportunities to increase stakeholder engagement

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Identify opportunities to increase stakeholder engagement	Increased articulation of Strategic Objectives through development of print materials: posters, palm cards, etc.	Production of materials; Publication of targeted communications	5	September -October 2018 2018-19 School Year
	Facilitate process to design, produce, and display school banners that communicate SO/District values and goals.	Facilitation of process; Development and display of banners	2, 3, 5	Winter- Spring 2019 June 2019
	Continued alignment of District work to align with the Strategic Outcomes as will be seen through BOE workshops & discussions and budgeting process	Continued linkage to the plan through District programs, presentations, initiatives, etc	1-6	2018-19 School Year

### Focus #1 - Objective C: Enhance communication to engage, inform, and educate stakeholders while enhancing the District brand.

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Continue to enhance communication to engage, inform, and educate District stakeholders while enhancing the District brand.	Continue to add content and resources to the District website	Continued development of the website through the addition of content and resources	5	2018-19 School Year
	Develop a new Constant Contact template that reflects the District brand and aligns with the website visually	Implementation of the new template	5	September 2018
	Superintendent to host coffees with constituents possibly including: community, staff, and secondary students	Promotion and facilitation of coffees	1-6	2018-19 School Year

### Focus #2 Instructional Leadership: Curriculum and Instruction



# Focus #2: Objective A: Implement instructional practices that elevate student thinking and understanding

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Implement instructional practices that elevate student	All unit planners available in Rubicon Atlas	Unit planners for all subjects & courses uploaded to Rubicon Atlas	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	January I, 2019
thinking and understanding	Implementation of a K-12 STEM continuum	Implementation of K-2 PLTW	1, 2, 3, 4	2018-19 School Year
	Maximize Professional Development experiences	Schedules for Superintendent Conference Days; Targeted experiences: Bard, Metamorphosis, Fundations, World languages, etc; Professional Learning Release Days (PLRD) Implementation; Pilot use of webinar-based learning for staff	1, 2, 3, 4	2018-19 School Year

### Focus #2 - Objective B: Develop a balanced assessment system that measures students' content knowledge, skills, and dispositional thinking

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Develop a balanced assessment system that measures students' content knowledge, skills, and dispositional thinking	Develop a timeline for the alignment of assessments with unit planners	Identify a target date for the alignment of assessments	1, 3	June 2019
	Develop a plan for the implementation of pilot capstone projects	Plan developed and structures established to support pilot program(s).	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	June 2019
	Implement program assessment model	Program assessments performed involving each school and department; Reports produced	1, 2, 3	June 2019

# Focus #2 - Objective C: Increase the use of data to inform instruction and planning

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Increase the use of data to inform instruction and	Development of District-wide discipline report	Quarterly production of the report	3, 4	2018-19 School year
planning	Targeted Board of Education school visits	School visits to increase understanding of student growth and program implementation	1, 5	Winter 2018-19
	Professional learning for administrators from K-12 Insight related to the 2018 survey data	Completion of learning session; Development of school specific inquiry topic	1, 2, 3, 4	October 23, 2018
	Expansion of the role of the data manager to support focus on data-informed leadership	Create model for data organization and analysis; Examples of deeper analysis to be integrated into the Student Performance Report	1, 2, 3, 4	Fall 2018 April 2019

### Focus #3 Financial and Operational Leadership



### Focus #3 - Objective A: The Business and Operations initiatives shall support the Strategic Plan and the District's finances and operations

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
The Business and Operations initiatives shall support the Strategic Plan and the District's finances and operations	Develop long-range financial plan	Presentation and implementation of plan	5, 6	November 2018 - June 2019
	Develop capital bond project for a public referendum	Referendum	1, 2, 5, 6	May 2019
	Settle contracts with the CSEA Custodial Unit and IAA	Settlement of fiscally responsible, fair contracts	5, 6	ASAP

### School and Department Goals Supporting the District Foci



## Instructional Technology

Link to Overarching Goal: To implement instructional practices that elevate student thinking and understanding

			Strategic Objectiv	
Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	e	Timeline
Defined long term instructional goals that	<ul> <li>Continue to support the implementation of our K-12 STEM sequence.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Updated Technology Plan for 2018-2021</li> </ul>	1	2018-19 School
reflect structures, implementation, and outcomes in support of	<ul> <li>Assessment of current K-12 Technology (and STEM) program and consider opportunities for growth.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plan for defining the relationship between Library/Media program</li> </ul>		Year
K-12 technology curriculum	<ul> <li>Begin to develop an inquiry-based district library program.</li> </ul>	and student inquiry experiences		
	<ul> <li>Initiate technology baseline work such as identifying the knowledge and skills necessary for students at each school level and work. Develop plan for development of grade-appropriate benchmarks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assessment of K-12 technology program through Clarity data collection and Program Assessment</li> </ul>		Spring
	<ul> <li>Technology Plan updated to reflect instructional initiatives - current &amp; future</li> </ul>			2019
Integration of instructional design (through use of Unit Planners) and educational technology and innovation	<ul> <li>Conduct follow-up work from Student Voice Infused Classroom workshop with our attending teachers and the participating authors.</li> <li>Continue to develop and grow expertise of G Suite PD team with a shift from</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Instruction defined in unit planners that reflects learning from the MasterClass workshops</li> </ul>	3	2018-19 School Year
	productivity to instructional use.			
	<ul> <li>Develop "just in time" opportunities for technology learning that connect back to the instructional work in the unit planners.</li> </ul>			

Experiences that reflect increased student voice, choice, and agency at all school levels.	<ul> <li>Improvements and revisions to the Student Innovation Fund grant process.</li> <li>Provide opportunities to Innovation Think Tank participants for creativity and collaboration through implementation of the Design Thinking process.</li> <li>Expand the work with elementary teachers to implement Genius Hour in their</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Design Thinking Protocol used for Think Tank work</li> <li>Student Innovation grants</li> <li>Ted ED event for student voice</li> </ul>	2, 4	Fall 2018 Winter- Spring 2019
	classrooms.			

### Instructional Technology (cont.)

Link to Overarching Goal: To develop a balanced assessment system that measures students' content knowledge, skills and dispositional thinking

<b>Outcome</b> Initiate process of defining how capstone projects could be incorporated into the Irvington UFSD as a vehicle for assessment	<ul> <li>Key Activities/Strategies</li> <li>Develop and implement process for the development of a plan to implement capstone projects</li> </ul>	<b>Supporting Evidence</b> • Plan for moving forward with capstone projects for the 2019-2020 school year	Strategic Objective 1, 2, 4	<b>Timeline</b> 2018-2019 School Year
Defined structures to support teacher use of digital assessment tools for instruction.	<ul> <li>Provide professional development on the use of digital assessment tools</li> <li>Build capacity of G Suite support team to provide support for teachers on the use of digital assessment tools.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Digital assessments in unit planners</li> <li>Support logs from work with teachers.</li> </ul>	1, 3	Ongoing 2018-2019

### Athletics, Physical Education and Health Department Goals

Link to Overarching Goal: To implement instructional practices that elevate student thinking and understanding

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
System for the evaluation and supervision of the coaching staff.	<ul> <li>Collaboratively develop and implement observation instrument and the related observation protocols.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implementation of observation practices</li> </ul>	2, 5	Initiate Fall 2018
A framework that informs decision making and needs that supports student opportunities and growth	<ul> <li>Develop framework for feedback.</li> <li>Survey to cull interest in participation in current or potential programs.</li> <li>Provide clinics in partnership with the Irvington Recreation Department to enhance our program participation and/or development.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copies of surveys</li> <li>Communication with Rec dept</li> <li>Enrollment statistics from clinics</li> </ul>	6	Winter/Fall 2018-19

## Athletics, Physical Education and Health Department Goals (cont.)

Link to Overarching Goal: To develop a balanced assessment system that measures students' content knowledge, skills and dispositional thinking

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
A systematic model for inter-department visits for the purposes of sharing instructional practices grounded in assessments that measure the four learning goals: knowledge, skill, meaning making, and transfer.	<ul> <li>Use scheduled professional learning time to develop system define purpose, observation and feedback loops within the department.</li> <li>Implement visitation practices.</li> <li>Inter-department visits/observations inform development of unit planners connected to stage one and stage two with greater vertical articulation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implementation of visitation system and related feedback structures.</li> <li>Refined units through collaboration and unit development during PLRD with building-level partners.</li> </ul>	1, 4	2018-19 School Year

Program development informed by increased feedback.	<ul> <li>Collaboration with coaching staff to develop a survey to gain feedback on athletic experiences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Feedback reviewed with coaches to assist in program development</li> </ul>	1, 3, 4, 5	Initiate Fall 2018
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## **Pupil Personnel Services Department Goals**

Link to Overarching Goal: To implement instructional practices that elevate student thinking and understanding

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Effective collaboration between related service providers and special education teachers for writing IEP's for instructional planning.	<ul> <li>Plan for PD on IEP development.</li> <li>1/2 Day Training (Fall 2018)         <ul> <li>Present Levels of Performance</li> <li>1/2 day Training (Fall 2019)</li> <li>Program Modifications</li> <li>Testing</li> <li>1/2 day Training (Fall 2020)</li> <li>Goals and Progress Monitoring</li> </ul> </li> <li>Provide individual feedback on</li> </ul>	Well written Present Levels of Performance	1, 3	December 2018
	<ul> <li>PLEPS that results in revision as necessary</li> <li>Increase knowledge and skill related to IEP Direct functions</li> <li>Clarify the role of the case manager</li> </ul>	Written document		

Define long term plan for PPS that reflects a continuum of services in relationship to program development.	<ul> <li>Assessment of current in-district students and programs</li> <li>Assessment of out-of-district profiles and programs</li> <li>Discussion of possible program expansion in district with building administration</li> <li>Proposal of new in-district programming options to Central Administration</li> </ul>	Written proposal to inform budget process	3,6	December 2018
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### Pupil Personnel Services Department Goals (cont.)

Link to Overarching Goal: To develop a balanced assessment system that measures students' content knowledge, skills and dispositional thinking

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Through data collection, special education teachers and related service providers will develop IEP goals and Present Level of Performance (PLEPS) that demonstrate student growth in closing the learning gap.	<ul> <li>Targeted professional learning on AIMSweb Plus tools related to progress monitoring &amp; data collection</li> <li>Enhance utilization of Fountas and Pinnel data</li> <li>Increase the understanding and of use of Corrective Reading, Fundations, Math Modules data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expectation of learning embedded in the Present Levels of Performance on IEP's</li> <li>Use of IEP Direct tool for progress monitoring</li> </ul>	1, 3	Spring 2019

<ul> <li>Targeted Professional Learning Progress Monitoring tools in IEP Direct (digital IEP system)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Progress Monitoring Report to Parents</li> </ul>			
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### **School-Based Goals**

Link to Overarching Goal: To implement instructional practices that elevate student thinking and understanding

Outcome	Key Activities/Strategies	Supporting Evidence	Strategic Objective	Timeline
Teaching thinking drives instruction. (All)	Continued refinement of the unit planners through tagging of the 4 instructional goals.	Observation and unit planners	1, 3	PLRD, grade
	Analysis of evidence of student thinking from student work samples.	Student work assessed for evidence of student thinking		level meeting, faculty meetings
Active planning for the four instructional goals and an understanding of the direct relationship between	Professional learning sessions on PLRD/faculty meetings, continued professional development in Teaching Thinking and the 4 goals of K, S, MM & T	Unit planner accurately tagged (four learning goals) and aligned with Stage 3	1, 3	Fall 2018
Stage 1 and Stage 3. (All)	<ul> <li>Support individualized teaching by building awareness of Rubicon resources.</li> <li>Support the use of individual maps</li> <li>Introduce lesson planning tab</li> </ul>	Revised Stage 3 tasks and learning activities that reflect Stage 1		Winter - Spring
	Analyze walkthrough question responses for evidence of teacher knowledge, skill and understanding of the 4 learning goals.	Analysis of walkthrough question responses and defined next steps		2018-19 School Year

Instructional tasks that foster inquiry, creativity and deeper levels of thinking. (DL, MSS)	<ul> <li>Professional development for instructional practices.</li> <li>Inquiry based science instruction through the use of phenomena and real life problem solving</li> <li>Workshop model instruction</li> <li>Continued exploration of flexible seating and flexible learning space research</li> <li>Design Thinking Model through PLTW K-2</li> </ul>	Stage 3 lessons that reflect: The use of the writer's notebook Work around accountable talk and questioning Station work in math Integration of technology Teachers conferring with students providing feedback as readers and writers	3, 4	2018-19 School Year
Essential Questions will play an essential role in the design and delivery of instruction. (All)	Administrators will collaborate with faculty and support implementation through the observation process.	Learning activities with embedded EQs; Accurately aligned unit planners Pre & Post observation planning forms articulating integration of EQs	1, 3	2018-19 School Year
A master schedule that supports the delivery of a comprehensive learning experience and supports student well-being. (IHS)	BETA testing of schedule Student and community presentations Subcommittees formulation and planning for implementation Professional learning for staff Planning time for staff	Schedule implementation	1, 2, 3, 4	2018-19 School Year

### School-Based Goals (cont.)

Link to Overarching Goal: To develop a balanced assessment system that measures students' content knowledge, skills and dispositional thinking

	Key Activities/Strategies		Strategic	
Outcome		Supporting Evidence	Objective	Timeline
Clear articulation of the relationship between Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the unit planner. (Assessments provide an accurate picture of the thinking that has taken place during the unit of study.) (All)	Continued professional development and support for Stage 2 unit development Teachers collaboration to align Stage 1 and Stage 2 of unit planners	Revised and/or developed assessments Revised and/or developed unit planners	1,2,3	2018-19 School year
Units and instruction that reflect balanced assessments to accurately measure student learning. (All) Teachers will design varying types of assessments, including formative, digital and performance based. (All)	Continued professional development through shared reading and collaboration to explore and define balanced system of assessment. Teachers to collaboratively explore & develop varied assessments of deeper learning and metacognition	Observation process about assessments that teachers are using Analysis of how teachers are assessing globally over time	1,3	2018-19 School Year
Assessment data informs instruction and	Assessment data reviewed in grade-levels and departments to inform instruction and planning	Informed, target instructional plans	1, 3	2018-19 School Year

response to student learning needs (All)				
A systematic approach for assessing and targeting the academic and behavioral needs of students in need of	Data Team review data and identify students for Tier 2 support.	Protocol for analyzing and interpreting data	3	2018-19 School
	Explore and utilize progress monitoring tools of Aimsweb to support needs of students.	Use of data for student placement process for		Year
intervention. (All)	Provide training on RTI -M Direct.	entrance/exit to AIS		
	Use of data to identify targeted interventions to support individual needs of students	Intervention plan document		

### The 2018-19 Goal Progress & Updates

Highlights related to goal achievement will be seen through

- Scheduled Board of Education Workshops
- Mid-year BOE-Administrative Roundtable
- End-of-year school presentations
- Published reports