Ludington Area Schools Strategic Planning Summary

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ludington Area School District, in partnership with parents and community, will educate and empower students to adapt and succeed in their future.

VISION STATEMENT

Ludington Area School students will graduate from a top-performing district, confident and prepared with the knowledge and skills required for their success in the global community.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

♦ High expectations for students and staff result in high achievement.

♦ High quality teaching is the most important factor for student learning.

♦ Students have a right to a safe environment in which diversity, citizenship and work ethic are nurtured.

♦ All students want to learn, be challenged, and supported.

♦ Students will take ownership of their own learning when inspired by excellent instruction.

♦ Education is a partnership among students, parents, district staff, and the community.

♦ Students must be prepared in all content areas for the global community, equipped with the thinking and social skills necessary for success.

♦ All decisions for the district must be made based on the best options for students while remaining fiscally responsible.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Strategic Goal Statement: All students in the Ludington Area School District will increase their performance in all content areas.

Objectives:

• Increase performance of all students in core curriculum areas (math, science, writing, reading, social studies).

• Establish and implement vertical and horizontal alignment of the curriculum pre-k to post-secondary.

• Develop a transitional plan for students pre-k to post-secondary (academic guidance & career pathways).

COMMUNICATION/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Strategic Goal Statement: We will connect and communicate with the community.

Objectives:

• Establish more cohesive, effective, consistent communication system.

• Build partnerships with local businesses and community to create opportunities for our students.

• Develop the community schools model to provide additional services for students within the school setting.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

➢ Student Achievement

➢ Communication/Community Engagement

➢ Facilities

➢ Financial

➢ Learning Environment

➢ Technology

FACILITIES

Strategic Goal Statement: Develop and prepare a facilities improvement plan that will evaluate the cost effectiveness of upgrading existing facilities vs. new construction.

Objectives:

• Create a committee of administrators, teachers, other school personnel and community members to develop a long-term facilities plan through consultation with a construction management firm.

FINANCIAL

Strategic Goal Statement: The Ludington Area Schools shall obtain a fund balance to current operating expense ratio of 10% or greater.

Objectives:

• Utilize technologies to gain efficiencies and cost savings.

• Develop a plan to inform and encourage families to apply for free/reduced programming.

• Investigate industry best practices for spending.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Strategic Goal Statement: Create an interesting, challenging and supportive culture of learning for all.

Objectives:

• Provide professional development for staff on how to best differentiate instruction.

• Develop a plan at each school to ensure all students have a connection with at least one adult in the school community (parents, mentors, staff members, coaches, etc.)

TECHNOLOGY

Strategic Goal Statement: Ludington Area School District will use technology to ensure proper usage and positive student growth.

Objectives:

• Investigate options for families who don’t have access to wifi.

• Create online and offline learning opportunities for parents, students, and teachers.

• Establish grade level expectations with the implementation of technology to ensure proper usage and positive student growth.

Adopted by the Ludington Board of Education on January 19, 2015