

Honeywell Update- March 16, 2016

Good evening Highland Park, this is Dr. Taylor.

Strategic planning. It is a process that if facilitated effectively can make the positive difference in the lives of Highland Park's children for at least the next five years. The school district's Strategic Planning Steering Committee, the board of education, and I are prepared to make the Highland Park School District's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan a most meaningful roadmap to making our schools world class.

Twelve individuals representing the schools' stakeholders and including parents, teachers, members of the borough council, our board president, a resident who is a very active member of two Orthodox congregations, and the president of the local chapter of the NAACP comprise the steering committee. The group has been charged with the responsibility of planning the multi-day process and serving as assistant facilitators once the activities are underway.

What is the group's vision for strategic planning? It is a gathering of any member of the Highland Park community who is willing to be an active and productive partner during a series of evening, morning, and potentially day-long structured conversations (pending final plans) about our schools that will culminate in the production of goals, indicators of successful attainment of these goals, action plans, and timelines for implementation that will frame how the school district plans its budget, develops curricula, delivers professional development, and evaluates school personnel.

Let's all come together and make this strategic plan plan the guide to the successful future for which we've been yearning. The process depends on community stakeholder input. Please be mindful of an announcement about strategic planning details that will be made soon after the spring break.

Don't ever hesitate to call my office or send me an email if you have questions about the strategic plan (or other matters). For now, have a great night.