

# VISION 2020

## YEAR ONE MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

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# **Goal I: Establish an appropriate, rigorous, authentic curriculum for each student.**

- **Objective:** Expand services to provide struggling students with additional strategies and opportunities for master core subjects.
- **Progress:** Individualized Academic Plans have been initiated for all students who scored below proficiency on the PSSA or Terra Nova.
- We continue to work with the RTI model and place students into a variety of remediation and tutoring sessions.

## **Goal II: Expand the implementation of differentiated instruction based on individual students' interest.**

- **Objective:** Increase the opportunities for students to actively learn in a technical environment.
- **Progress:** Fifty-five teachers have been provided a laptop and projector for their classrooms. Six “Classrooms for the Future” have been established at the high school and one at the middle school providing 180 laptops for student use.

## **Goal II: Expand the implementation of differentiated instruction based on individual students' interest.**

- **Objective:** Strengthen career opportunities and programs.
- **Progress:** The administrative team is reviewing the career education and work standards to determine how to implement them across the district.
- The middle school is exploring the development of a course for the life skills and arts rotation that will focus on the career standards.
- Third grade students work through a career standards workbook.

# Goal III: Make creativity and acquisition of problem solving skills an essential part of the curriculum.

- **Objective:** Provide additional professional staff development in creative teaching and best instructional practices.
- **Progress:** Our initial efforts to improve creativity in the teaching and learning process have come through the professional development in the use of technology.
- The iLife Suite and Internet has many tools that promote creativity and problem-solving in the classroom.
- Also, as the next curriculum writing phase unfolds, teachers will be incorporating more creative activities in their lessons and units.
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb\\_1AKcfXVA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb_1AKcfXVA)

## **Goal VI: Increase community/parent involvement in, and awareness of the district and the education of children.**

- **Objective:** Expand district and building-level outreach to the community at large.
- **Progress:** A district newsletter, The Dragon's Tale, has been created and distributed to the community.
- New and future upgrades to the district web site focus on providing more news about the district to parents and the public. <http://www.dragon.k12.pa.us/>

## **Goal VII: Implement and maintain up-to-date technology, a robust infrastructure, professional development, and technical objectives**

- **Objective:** Institutionalize a best practices culture that optimizes the use of technology in advancing educational goals.
- **Progress:** We have provided focused professional development for the secondary teachers in the laptop project and a smaller group of high school teachers in the CFF project.
- The CFF coach has provided specific, and individualized training to high school teachers.

## **Goal VII: Implement and maintain up-to-date technology, a robust infrastructure, professional development, and technical objectives.**

- **Objective:** Institutionalize a best practices culture that optimizes the use of technology in advancing educational goals.
- **Progress:** The Leadership Team is exploring the use of current and emerging technology and posting their findings on a wiki.
- Teachers are using the new laptop labs to enhance instruction through the web and other software. CFF and Secondary Teachers in the laptop project have been provided focused in-service training in this area.

## **Goal VII: Implement and maintain up-to-date technology, a robust infrastructure, professional development, and technical objectives.**

- **Objective:** Provide a reliable district wide secure infrastructure.
- **Progress:** A wireless network was installed during the summer of 2007. Continued upgrades and enhancements are planned over the next few years including a possible Internet consortium grant through the I.U.

## **Goal VIII: Develop a Master Plan encompassing facilities and funding and exploring possibilities for restructuring the district.**

- **Objective:** Develop non-tax mechanisms for funding school programs and other activities.
- **Progress:** Initial meetings have been held with interested individuals regarding the formation of a foundation to support the school programs and offset the cost of future facilities.

## **Goal VIII: Develop a Master Plan encompassing facilities and funding and exploring possibilities for restructuring the district.**

- **Objective:** Develop a comprehensive building and facilities plan through the year 2020.
- **Progress:** A Facilities Committee is being formed with the initial meeting projected for early spring.