

## ***Vision, Mission, and Commitments of the District***

### ***Vision***

Together, we will enable each child to become more than he or she ever hoped to be.

### ***Mission***

The Blue Valley School District's mission is unprecedented academic success and unparalleled personal growth for every student.

### ***Commitments***

The Blue Valley School District will make a continuous effort to reallocate resources, adopt innovative programs and critically evaluate current practices to assure academic excellence.

The Blue Valley School District is committed to the professional learning community as the means of continuous school improvement.

The Blue Valley Board of Education (Board) believes that parent and patron communication and involvement is an important part of the educational program. The Board will attempt to foster positive relationships with parents. Together, parents, patrons, and the District can work toward achieving common educational goals for students, resulting in higher student achievement and community satisfaction with the District. The Board also believes that the involvement of community patrons in the K-12 school program enhances the educational process not only for students, but also for the total community.

In accordance with the strategic plan of the district, the following foundational beliefs represent a compilation of ideas and desires that parents, students, teachers, administrators, and elected officials have for the Blue Valley School District. These beliefs are the blueprint for what this community holds most dearly to when it comes to public education.

### ***Foundational Beliefs***

- Every child can learn.
- Strong public schools are vital to a strong community and a vibrant democracy.
- Strong public schools provide a unique place where people interact with others from different social and economic backgrounds, building respect for diversity in our society.
- Strong public schools recognize that the family is the first teacher, and both the school and the family have an ongoing obligation to support continuous learning.
- A safe, orderly and comfortable environment is essential to learning.
- The most effective learning occurs when each child's educational needs are frequently assessed and action taken based on that assessment.
- A rigorous and relevant curriculum is needed for effective learning for all students.
- Public schools are accountable to the public for their performance.
- Strong schools provide continuous development of their teachers and other staff.
- Strong schools value cultural, religious and ethnic differences in people.
- Strong schools value diverse ideas.
- Strong schools have a shared vision, clear goals and a commitment to collaborate for learning improvement.
- Strong schools skillfully use modern technology as an essential tool for learning.
- Strong schools are fiscally responsible, always seeking more effective and efficient uses of their resources.
- Schools are part of a bigger system and must participate in ongoing articulation and alignment of district wide expectations.
- Highly effective organizations have the right people in the correct positions, have the courage to confront the brutal facts of an organization, are committed to a common purpose, and possess the discipline to maintain a course toward that purpose.
- Effective leaders listen carefully, anticipate future needs, work constantly to engage others in leadership initiatives to shape necessary changes, and are led by the principles of personal humility and professional will.
- Continuous improvement demands that public schools regularly use data to guide change and improvement.

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