



We engage, grow and
empower every learner,
every day

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NEW ELA CURRICULUM UTILIZES AMPLIFY READING

Amplify.

We are excited to be implementing Amplify Reading K-8 in the Gavin Schools.

The overarching goal of the program is to provide engaging, individualized instruction and practice in the skills and strategies that have the most impact on literacy. We explicitly teach students that the skills they are practicing and the strategies they are learning are what successful readers do while they read.

It also provides support and scaffolds for struggling readers and English Learners, and enrichment for advanced learners.

district 37 views

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NEW FIVE-YEAR GAVIN DISTRICT 37 STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED

Gavin District 37 Board of Education recently approved a new Strategic Plan this past December. The planning process was conducted over the last few months and outlines the mission, vision, core values and goals for the next five years.

District 37 stakeholders

including parents, students, staff, faculty, administrators and board members volunteered to participate in this planning process which enabled stakeholders to voice and agree on the priorities and focus for district improvement.

Strategic planning is the equivalent of an organization hitting the “reset” button to insure everyone is on the same page to move the district forward. This comprehensive document communicates the district’s goals, the priorities needed to achieve those goals and metrics used to measure progress on those goals over the next five years. It includes both the academic and operational aspects of the school district.

4 BASIC COMPONENTS TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN PROCESS

- 1 Why does our district exist as an organization? What’s our purpose?
- 2 What is our district’s vision? What would we like to look like in the future?
- 3 What are our district’s core values or beliefs? How do we behave as an organization?
- 4 What are our district’s goals for the future? What do we need to focus on as we move forward?

Collectively, these questions address the four key components of strategic planning: **Mission, Vision, Core Values and Goals.**

Our new Strategic Plan is outlined on the following two pages of this newsletter.

READ MORE ABOUT OUR DISTRICT’S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.GAVIN37.ORG/DOMAIN/1142

mission vision & values

Our Mission

We engage, grow and empower every learner, every day

Our Vision

To become a showcase school district with the highest quality educational opportunities for all

Our Core Values

We believe that...



...equitable opportunities are guaranteed.



...everyone needs a safe environment in which to grow.



...effective, open communication shows value in all stakeholders.



...knowledge develops through grit and a growth mindset.



...honoring others' perspectives is a respectful way to interact.



...teamwork and flexibility among all stakeholders builds community.



...celebrating all achievements—big and small—develops culture.



...innovation and curiosity are hallmarks of authentic learning.

strategic goals





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KEY DATES FOR WINTER-SPRING 2023

Mark your calendars for these important events:



FEBRUARY

- 8 G.I.G. Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Central Library
- 15 Town Hall Meeting/Tour Of Central 6 p.m., Central Library
- 22 School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., South Library

MARCH

- 7 G.I.G. Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Central Library
- 22 School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Central Library

APRIL

- 4 G.I.G. Meeting, 6:30 p.m., South Library
- 26 School Board Meeting, 6:15 p.m., South Library

MAY

- 3 G.I.G. Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Central Library
- 10 Town Hall Meeting, 6 p.m. South Library
- 24 School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Central Library

JUNE

- 2 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 6 p.m., Grant High School

NEW SCHOOL–COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Gavin District 37 is excited to announce three new school–community partnerships that are dedicated to the social-emotional well-being of our district students and their families.



Free access to licensed therapists and social workers for family and individual therapy sessions (dedicated to the safety, well-being and education of our children) that meet a variety of social and emotional needs.

Visit www.kidsaboveall.org or contact Gavin 37 Psychologist, Chris Siegel, at csiegel@gavin37.org for more information.



Willow House

A free support network focused on helping children and families with grief and the process of dealing with emotions that may occur when families experience death of a loved one.

The mission of Willow House is to provide grief support and education for youth, families, schools and other communities grieving the death of a parent, sibling or child. Their free services—in partnership with Gavin 37—is where hope can live and healing can begin.

Contact our school mental health professionals for more information. It is our vision, as Gavin staff, that no child, teen or parent grieve alone. We are here to help!

Mr. Chris Siegel Gavin 37 School Psychologist csiegel@gavin37.org

Mr. Trace McKenna South Middle School Social Worker tmckenna@gavin37.org

Ms. Diana Davellis Central Elementary School Social Worker ddavellis@gavin37.org



Safe2Help IL is a program with a multifaceted approach to help prevent suicides, bullying, school violence or other threats to school safety. The program offers a website with self-help resources and videos, a classroom resource kit to help change the culture in Illinois schools, and a 24/7 confidential way to share information regarding safety issues impacting Illinois students. The goal of the program is to get students to "Seek Help Before Harm."

All three of these organizations are free to all Gavin 37 families and have bilingual supports available as well. Please reach out for more information.

SEND US YOUR DISTRICT FEEDBACK—

To provide your feedback to our district, please scan or click on this QR code, or visit <https://bit.ly/3XEXoS>

We value your input and appreciate you taking the time to share your experiences so we can continue to strive to improve our services to you.



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