

Goal 5

Create opportunities to listen broadly and deeply to a multitude of stakeholders while proactively ensuring that all voices are heard and engaged in an effort to gain trust and confidence, ensure a comprehensive understanding of the District, and build excitement and momentum for the District's vision, mission, and strategic plan.

Key questions for all stakeholders will include:

1. What are the strengths of Lawrence Public Schools?
2. What areas need improvement?
3. As the budget remains a challenge, what should be the priorities of the District?
4. How can we raise the bar of academic success for **all** students and eliminate opportunity gaps?
5. What will it take to make Lawrence Public Schools the best school district in the country?

ACTION 1

Schedule meetings with various school parent organizations, site councils, and district advisory groups for initial listening and learning sessions, and discuss critical issues facing the system while creating opportunities for rich, honest, authentic engagement.



COMMENTS/RESULTS: Met with members of the DELTA and Equity Advisory Council on August 1, 2018. Spoke to the LHS PTO on October 1, 2018, and listened to their concerns. Met with secondary paraprofessionals on October 12th and elementary paraprofessional on November 2, 2018, to communicate their value and listen and learn of their concerns.

ACTION 2

Schedule formal and informal meet-and-greet opportunities for community members by attending school and community events.



COMMENTS/RESULTS: Attended the Community Safety Fair on August 11, 2018. Attended a lunch meeting with First Student bus staff on August 8, 2018. Met with Free State LEAP group on August 20, 2018. Attended the LGBTQ+ staff gathering on August 24, 2018. Spoke and addressed questions at the following events: Free State LEAP (August 20, 2018); 2nd grade class at Prairie Park Elementary School (August 21, 2018); Interfaith Alliance & Ecumenical Christian Fellowship (September 18, 2018); Meet & Greet for Library staff at the Lawrence Public Library (September 21, 2018); Leadership Lawrence (October 11, 2018); Business Management Class at FSHS (October 15, 2018); Breakfast Optimists Club (October 30, 2018); Jayhawk Rotary Club (November 8, 2018).