



Newcastle Public Schools Begins Strategic Planning Process

Community Survey Launched to Collect Feedback

Newcastle Public Schools is launching a new strategic planning initiative this fall, beginning with a series of opportunities to hear from the community about its hopes and dreams for Newcastle schools and students.

“Our mission at Newcastle schools is to expand educational opportunities for all students,” Superintendent Melonie Hau said. “Meeting that mission is dependent on enlisting our entire community to support and encourage our children to meet their individual potential. Listening to community expectations and establishing achievable goals will allow us to set an exciting course for the future.”

Community members can complete an online survey to provide input about the district’s future. To access the survey click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020NewcastleCSICommunity>.

The survey is also available on the district’s website at www.newcastle.k12.ok.us. Community forums will be held in November; details will be announced at a later date.

The school district is working with the Oklahoma State School Boards Association, which assisted with last spring’s superintendent search, and the K20 Center for Education Community Renewal at the University of Oklahoma to facilitate the Continuous Strategic Improvement process.

School board President Gary Knowles is urging all members of the community to participate in the process.

“The board team is excited to be implementing the collaborative CSI process, which has resulted in important goal-setting and remarkable improvement in all districts committed to the process,” Knowles said. “We are looking forward to engaging and seeking input from students, teachers, parents, staff, business and community partners to ensure that community expectations and district priorities are aligned as we plan for the future.”

Planning teams involving community, business and school district representatives will use student achievement data, results from the survey and forums and research to develop the five-year continuous improvement strategic plan.

A proposed plan is expected to be presented for school board approval in mid-2020.