

Focus Areas

1. FACILITIES

- Assess and address the facilities needs of current and future Deerfield Community School populations in November and April.
 - Timeline: Ongoing
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff, Deerfield Citizens
- Utilize the community-wide survey in setting direction for Deerfield's pre-k to 12 facility needs for the next 10 years.
 - Timeline: August 2008 to March 2009
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff, Deerfield Citizens
- Explore middle/high school partnerships with any interested surrounding communities.
 - Timeline: Ongoing
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, Deerfield Citizens
- Update and fully implement a security plan for the D.C.S. Campus, specifically looking at use of facilities during non-school time.
 1. Make some facility changes.
 - ❖ Custodian on duty when building is being used.
 - Timeline: September 2008
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff
- Continually assess space needs
 1. Increase Sped tutoring space
 2. Return the science lab to its original function
- Improve upkeep and overall presentation of building and grounds.
 - Timeline:
 - Parking lot, Signs
 - PTO New letters for building
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration,

2. PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTION

- Seek detailed information regarding Deerfield student achievement at Concord High School from Concord to evaluate preparation of D.C.S. Students.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff
- Review and assess the status of Kindergarten Programming
 - Timeline: May 2009
 - Responsibility of the: Administration, D.C.S. Staff, School Board
- Review and assess the current D.C.S middle school program and structure.
 - Timeline: June 2009
 - Responsibility of the: Parents, Administration, D.C.S. Staff, School Board
- Support the recommendations of the literacy task force.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff
- Continue to support technology and media in the D.C.S. Library.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C. S. Staff
- Explore an option of a longer school day and alternative school calendars – day, week, year.
 - Timeline:
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration

4. SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

- Maintain and expand avenues of communication with Deerfield citizens and staff to gain support for district initiatives and to avoid misinformation.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, Public Information Liaison, D.C.S. Staff
- Continue to improve a public information plan to facilitate communication of information and promote positive public relations.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, Public Information Liaison, D.C.S. Staff
- Establish effective methods of increasing public meeting attendance and informing votes to address SB-2 voting format.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, Public Information Liaison, D.C.S. Staff

3. BUDGETS

- Continue to utilize and/or establish trust/capital reserve accounts to assist the district with budget management and long-range planning.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff
- Prepare and obtain voter support for a teacher contract and the recommended district budget.
 - Timeline: November 2008 to March 2009
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff, Municipal Budget Committee, District Voters

5. SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Receive at least 3 special education reports regarding program updates, goals, procedures and issues as well as any program or space needs.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Special Education Director, Special Ed. Coordinator, Administration, D.C.S. Staff
- Support a School plan that ensures each child meets AYP.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff

6. TRANSPORTATION

- Provide district funded transportation for all Deerfield students.
 - Timeline:
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration D.C.S. Staff
- Successfully negotiate a transportation contract.
 - Timeline: November 2008
 - Responsibility of the: School Board, Administration, D.C.S. Staff

7. GOALS REVIEW

- Refine the timeline for "state-of-the-school" reports from department heads and administrators.
 - Timeline: On-going
 - Responsibility of the: Administration, School Board, D.C.S. Staff
- Review approved board goals yearly in September, March and July.
 - Timeline: September 2008, March, 2009, July 2009
 - Responsibility of the: Administration, School Board