

FAIRVIEW PARK

New strategic plan being mapped for school district

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The Fairview Park City Schools District is preparing for the future.

The district introduced the new strategic plan last Wednesday that is aimed toward engagement and student connections.

The major goals of the plan are still being determined. Input from stakeholders and the community will come from a survey that will be sent out. No date has been decided for when the survey will be available.

There will be future stakeholder meetings, but no date has been confirmed.

During the meeting, the district sought input from the parents of students and various community stakeholders, hoping that the plan “captures the essence of our community’s expectations.”

The seven pillars of strategic planning for the students of the district included student learning, student readiness, engaged and well-rounded students, well-being, supportive adults, community connections and effective systems of learning.

“If you don’t plan, then you are guaranteed to fail,” Superintendent Keith Ahearn said in a later interview. “Having a plan and action

steps toward future goals and accomplishments is critical. If you don’t have a strategic plan, then you are living day-by-day without any organization toward fulfilling those goals. You have to look into the future and imagine it.”

It hasn’t been decided how long the new plan will last. The progress of the plan is evaluated every 12 to 18 months, adjusting to the needs of the district.

The previous strategic plan ran from 2019 to 2023. The mission of that plan was to “deliver exceptional academic programs and services that challenge the mind, instill the joy of learning, and promote responsible citizenship.”

“Student learning, emotional well-being and safety and security will be at the center of any plan that we present to the district,” Ahearn said.

“We are accountable to the community members that we serve. If we were to make a strategic plan in the absence of stakeholders and parents, that would be a disservice. We truly want their input.”

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