

Superintendent's Report

January 11, 2016

Chair David Jones, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.

Happy New Year! Again! Educators get two New Years — the start of the school calendar in August and the start of the calendar year in January. As we retire Vision 2015, we want to acknowledge how it guided our improvement. We are not satisfied.

I am excited that we are starting the new year with *Vision 2020: Excellence with Equity*, to guide our work. *Vision 2020* has:

One VISION: *All Jefferson County Public Schools' students graduate prepared, empowered, and inspired to reach their full potential and contribute as thoughtful, responsible citizens of our diverse, shared world.*

One MISSION: *To challenge and engage each learner to grow through effective teaching and meaningful experiences within caring, supportive environments.*

Three FOCUS AREAS:

1. Learning, Growth, and Development

GOAL: *Deeper Learning*

— 7 Strategies, 3 Targets, 9 Leading Indicators

2. Increasing Capacity and Improving Culture

GOAL: Professional Capacity in Teachers and Leaders

— 3 Strategies, 2 Targets, 5 Leading Indicators

GOAL: High-Performing Teams and Professional Learning Communities

— 4 Strategies, 3 Targets, 3 Leading Indicators

3. Improving Infrastructure and Integrating Systems

GOAL: Infrastructure Improvements

— 4 Strategies, 5 Targets, 3 Leading Indicators

GOAL: Communications, Engagement, and Access to Information

— 4 Strategies, 2 Targets, 4 Leading Indicators

GOAL: Technology for Learning and Operations

— 3 Strategies, 2 Targets, 2 Indicators

GOAL: Access to Public School Choice

— 5 Strategies, 3 Targets, 3 Indicators

January is National School Board of Education Recognition Month. Let me thank you for your service to this District and to our students. There is not work that is more important.

We acknowledge and apologize that the doors were locked inadvertently at some point during the December 14, 2015, Jefferson County Board of Education meeting at Ramsey Middle School, an unintentional violation of the Open Meetings Act. We again appreciate the hospitality of the staff at Ramsey and the work of the staff to have a “destination Board meeting.” Thanks to all the community stakeholders who attended and allowed us to experience Board District 7.

This groundbreaking partnership with JCPS, *TreesLouisville*, will select, fund, and contract the planting of trees of a diverse selection of species, the majority of which will be of significant landscape size, on campuses with priority given to areas targeted by the 2015 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment.

TreesLouisville is initially planting hundreds of trees on 10 JCPS school campuses in areas targeted as canopy deficient.

A press conference is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 10:30 a.m., @ Medora Elementary School.

Chair Jones, this concludes my report and my recommendation for approval of the consent agenda later in the meeting.