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Board of Education Adopts Five District Goals

The Wayne Township Board of Education adopted five district goals during its regular August 20th meeting. While most of the goals are connected directly to improving educational programs, there is one goal that will assist the district with becoming even more environmentally friendly and another that will lead to an evaluation of PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) results.

During the spring of 2015, the school district announced that it would be purchasing Envision 2.0 math textbooks and accompanying instructional materials for students and teachers in grades K-6. While the selection and purchase of instructional materials represents a major step forward for the district, the goal of developing an implementation plan will enable the district to derive the maximum benefit from our new set of resources.

Over the years, the district introduced a number of programs and teaching methodologies in the area of language arts. In order to standardize educational programs and maximize the use of existing resources, the school district needs to do a thorough analysis of the programs by school and by grade level. This goal is extremely important and it will determine the future of language arts instruction in the district.

PARCC testing certainly created a stir in Wayne and many other communities. One unfortunate outcome of the new PARCC testing is that the district lost a standardized test it could use to make educational decisions about students and programs. The district PARCC goal will lead to analysis of the results and a determination about whether the PARCC has relative value in the educational decision making process.

Organizing schools for the success of students is an ongoing project in every school district and scheduling is a major part of this work. Our district scheduling goal will lead to a complete analysis of our scheduling and seeks to address historical scheduling issues in Wayne and also examine best practices in scheduling at the secondary level.

Finally, the school district will be exploring various ways to become more environmentally friendly by participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program. (<http://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com>) This program goes hand-in-hand with the many efforts made by the district to become more energy efficient and can lead to grant funding for additional projects.

By the end of the 2015-2016 school year, the five district goals will lead to many positive and noticeable improvements in the school district.