

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

2010-2011

Purpose: A school board represents a community's beliefs and values about education. The school board is the voice of the public in public education. The board sets achievement standards and makes sure the community view is considered when policy is developed. The school board, by overseeing the district's academic policies, is accountable for school performance. The overall goal of a school board is to ensure quality education for all students. To achieve this goal, the board develops goals in relation to school administration, students, parents and the community. On July 13, 2010, the Board and community stakeholders joined together to identify district priorities.

The Board adopts the following three short term goals:

Improved Communications

- By the end of the 2010-2011 school year, the BKW district will develop and implement at least three (3) new approaches for establishing two-way communications with staff, parents, students, legislators, organizations and other stakeholders.

Increased Academic Achievement

- By the end of the 2010-2011 school year, the BKW district will develop and implement at least three (3) new ways of increasing student achievement and student/staff accountability.

Enhanced Fiscal Responsibility

- By April 25, 2011 the BKW district will prepare a budget which reflects the priorities of academic achievement of all students while maintaining fiscal responsibility and ensuring sustainability.

The Board adopts the following three long-term goals:

Academic Excellence

- Every student in the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District will complete an engaging, aligned and rigorous curriculum. Such a curriculum will:
 - A. Recognize state and national standards.
 - B. Prepare students to successfully complete graduation requirements in the areas of mathematics, English, social science, science, foreign languages, physical education and the arts.
 - C. Focus on improving teaching and learning to increase achievement for all students. All students should have the support needed to reach their full potential.
 - D.** Provide a safe and respectful educational environment for students, teachers and staff.

Operational Excellence

- Twenty-First century educational facilities will be developed and maintained for all BKW students. In order to protect the investment the community is making in this educational facility and in its bus fleet, the district will:
 - A. Institute and implement a Preventative Maintenance Program which addresses such concerns as: maintenance of all buildings, grounds, equipment and busses.
 - B. Maintain an accountable Fiscal Environment which documents all mandatory and discretionary uses of resources.

Comprehensive Communication

- A comprehensive plan will be developed and implemented that provides clear and open lines of communication among central office employees, school employees, parents, elected officials, PTA, Boosters and other stakeholders which fosters community engagement in supporting our schools and improving education outcomes for all BKW students.