

Bethpage Board of Education- Goals for 2016-17

GOAL ONE: To offer high-quality student programming so that graduates are prepared to compete in a global society.

- For 2016-17 this means maintaining the trajectory of SAT scores (a K-12 initiative) as well as the impressive assessment results (state 3-8, Regents and AP scores) that have placed Bethpage among the highest performing districts in the state. It also includes monitoring progress in the new BHS courses of Engineering, Virtual Business Enterprise and the partnerships with Hofstra and the Composite Prototype Center and reviewing the possibility of the AP Capstone Program for next school year. At the middle school level it means examining the continuum of Robotics/STEM curriculum to incorporate additional computer programming and hands-on robotics and engineering experiences. At the elementary school it means expanding the use of the new writing program (Writer's Workshop) to upper grades and expanding STEM curriculum opportunities that will incorporate Next Generation Science Standards that look toward the future of new STEM labs. The 21st Century program will continue to provide enrichment opportunities for children in all disciplines. Our extracurriculars in the fine and performing arts and athletics will continue to challenge students while stressing teamwork, leadership and problem-solving.

GOAL TWO: To provide high-quality effective teachers and administrators.

- For 2016-17 this means working with staff on the transition to the latest iteration of the Annual Professional Performance Review ensuring everyone is current in their SED mandated credentials and providing challenging staff development in areas of Google for Education, Writer's Workshop (introduced to K-2 and expanding to grades 3-5) and our STEM initiatives providing modeling and training for staff members via Professional Development Academy and Conference Days.

GOAL THREE: To seek the involvement and participation of the entire community in the learning process.

- For 2016-17 this means exploring the use of social media as yet another means of communication with parents, articulation of Board goals and publishing on district website, overhaul of district website to make it more user-friendly and updated to post Board topics. We will continue the practice of making our schools the center of our community as we work with our civic partners to make Bethpage a special place.

GOAL FOUR: A board committed to excellence in education and aware of its responsibilities.

- For 2016-17 this means that Board committees are in place to review fiscal issues, policy issues and that Board members serve as liaisons to District Committees. Board members will participate in local/state/national conferences and share their findings with Trustees and district leadership.