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#### **Port Byron Central School District**

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# DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PORT BYRON CSD COMMUNITY,

As you know, a couple of years ago community stakeholders dedicated significant time and great effort to collaborate and develop a strategic, long-term plan for the Port Byron Central School District. We are thrilled to provide you with an update on our ongoing efforts to maintain our commitment to excellence and progress within our district. As we continue our journey towards excellence, we have made revisions to our "Blueprint for Excellence" based on collaborative planning sessions with our district stakeholders.

The foundation of our updated plan remains rooted in the valuable feedback we gathered from our community. This revised plan serves as our guiding framework, facilitating our growth and dedication to excellence in every aspect of our work. It continues to be the cornerstone of our efforts, enabling us to foster stronger connections with each child and family while reinforcing our bonds as a school and community.

We are united in this collective effort and eagerly anticipate working alongside you as partners in our pursuit of becoming a benchmark school of excellence. Your ongoing feedback and unwavering support remain integral to the success of our district and the betterment of our students' educational experiences.

Thank you for your continued support of the Port Byron Central School District!

#### Sincerely,

#### Mike Jorgensen

Superintendent of Schools

#### Melinda Quanbeck

President, Board of Education









## PROCESS INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

#### **Blueprint Planning is intended to:**

- Involve all members of the school community and reflect their shared perspectives.
- Allow stakeholder representatives to review community feedback in order to clearly define the district's mission, vision and core values.
- Engage a team in defining the priorities of the district and suggesting action steps to accomplish objectives.
- Facilitate action planning focused on identifying who, when and how the work will get done.
- Provide the district with a road map that is transparent, accountable and focused.
- Enable the district's efforts to innovate, allocate resources and continuously grow in a coordinated, thoughtful and aligned manner.
- Be an iterative, evolving and ongoing process that builds from one year to the next while reflecting emerging needs and changing demands.

#### **Steps in the Port Byron CSD Planning Process:**

January 2022: Community Feedback Gathered

January 2022: Draft Mission/Vision/Core Values drafted by the Board of Education and Leadership Team.

February 2022: Community Team Assembled Mission/Vision/Core Values Reviewed

**Priority Areas Developed** 

Strategies Suggested

**February 2022:** Leadership Team Action Planning Action plans developed that specifically identify what will be done to meet the objectives of each priority area and who will be responsible for leading the work.

**February-March 2022:** Revision, Adoption, Communication Revisions and review completed by the Leadership Team. Communication to the community and implementation of the plan with stakeholders









## MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES

Successful organizations clearly define their purpose, what they need to become in order to fulfill their purpose and how they operate or behave. These are commonly known as their mission, their vision and their core values.

Through the Blueprint Planning Process, the Port Byron CSD school community defined why we exist, what happens in the organization when we are working towards the mission and what behaviors should be evident from individuals and the organization as a whole.

MISSION The mission of the Port Byron CSD is to fulfillment, purpose, and productive citizenship by providing educational experiences that address their individual interests, social emotional needs and academic goals.

### VISION

The Port Byron CSD will be a leading educational organization where students are excited to learn, innovation is cultivated, collaboration is fostered, and the community is engaged as an essential partner.

## CORE

We believe that we can achieve our vision and accomplish our mission by making a commitment to:

- 1. Focus on the needs of students.
- 2. Provide care for our students, families, staff and community members.
- 3. Foster good citizenship in our students.

- 4. Cultivate an innovative, forward-thinking environment where creativity is embraced.
- 5. Demonstrate commitment to the success of every individual child's pathway.
- 6. Develop teamwork and collaborative opportunities.
- 7. Ensure that we are working with integrity and honesty.

## **PRIORITY AREAS**

Based on community feedback and initial planning by the Board of Education and Leadership Team, the following areas were identified as priorities to be focused on in order to fulfill the mission of the district:

#### **Engaging Experiences** for All

We will provide diverse, engaging opportunities for all learners in order to promote growth, collaboration and creativity.

#### Student **Opportunities**

We will provide multiple real world student opportunities through research and development to complete the child as a whole, preparing them for post graduate life.

#### **Organizational Shifts**

We will create a flexible plan that addresses student enrollment issues and supports positive student experiences by maintaining a safe and financially responsible district.

#### **Community Engagement**

We will increase parent/community member involvement in school activities and strengthen our communication methods.









The following plans have been developed in order to guide the actions the district takes in order to accomplish the objectives in each priority area. Each action step represents a strategy for meeting an objective. A timeframe has been established and the parties listed are primarily responsible for leading the work.

#### **PRIORITY AREA 1:** Engaging Experiences for All

**Objective:** We will provide diverse, engaging opportunities for all learners in order to promote growth, collaboration and creativity.

Action Steps	Who?	When?
A. Curriculum Council continuously focuses on and discusses the following topics:	Director of Curriculum,     Instruction, and Assessment	Ongoing
<ul> <li>a. Engaging Tier 1 instruction</li> <li>b. Writing Continuum UPK-12</li> <li>c. Project-Based Learning</li> <li>d. Designing cross-curricular projects and district wide activities</li> <li>B. Continue to enhance AIS support and design additional opportunities for students (UPK-12) based on grade-appropriate data.</li> <li>a. Implement updated RTI plan</li> <li>b. Restructure use of TA's/Aides</li> <li>c. Implement evidence based interventions and enrichment programs/strategies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teachers (UPK-12)</li> <li>Building Administrators</li> <li>Instructional Coaches</li> <li>Building Principals</li> <li>Director of Special Programs</li> <li>Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment</li> <li>AIS Teachers</li> <li>School Psychologist</li> </ul>	Fall 2023 - Fall 2025
C. Design engaging and relevant electives for high school students utilizing staff strengths and student interests  a. Evaluate electives offered in 2023 - 2024  b. Begin to design new electives for 2024 - 2025	<ul> <li>JrSr. High School Principal</li> <li>Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment</li> <li>HS Guidance Counselors</li> <li>HS Teaching Staff</li> </ul>	Fall 2023 - Fall 2025
<ul> <li>D. Define and build multiple pathways and exit outcomes to meet the needs of all learners.</li> <li>a. Enhance our partnership with CCC to engage students in career, college and workforce readiness.</li> <li>b. Create pathways for students aligned with CCC courses.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>JrSr. High School Principal</li> <li>Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment</li> <li>HS Guidance Counselors</li> <li>HS Teaching Staff</li> </ul>	Fall 2023 - Fall 2026



### PRIORITY AREA 1: Engaging Experiences for All

E. Develop and strengthen literacy experiences for all students to develop a culture of reading.  a. Kick Back and Read Days b. Monthly DEAR Time c. UPK-6 Buddy Readers d. Panthers Love Reading Challenge e. Guest Readers invited into classrooms f. Read Across America / Reading Spirit Week g. Scholastic Book Fair	<ul> <li>Building Principals</li> <li>Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment</li> <li>Library Media Specialist</li> </ul>	Ongoing
F. Design equitable STEM programming for students in grades UPK-12  a. Use the NYS Computer Science and Digital Fluency Learning Standards to create learning experiences for each grade level  b. STEM Cart in circulation in the elementary building  c. Incorporate more STEM activities in the Science Scope and Sequence in addition to Smithsonian	<ul> <li>Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment</li> <li>Library Media Specialist</li> <li>BOCES Technology Integration Specialist</li> <li>Building Administrators</li> <li>Classroom Teachers</li> </ul>	Fall 2023 - Fall 2025

#### **PRIORITY AREA 2: Student Opportunities**

**Objective:** We will give all students the opportunity and tools necessary to achieve their greatest capabilities.

Action Steps	Who?	When?
A. Provide students (UPK-12) with regular opportunities for career exploration opportunities.  a. Design a district plan defining college, career, and life ready benchmarks for all students b. Xello Implementation	<ul> <li>Building Principals</li> <li>Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment</li> <li>School Counselors</li> </ul>	Fall 2023 - Spring 2025
B. Continue to strengthen planned in school/out of school experiences for all students UPK-12.  a. Align field trips to PBL units b. Design service projects for each grade level c. Align elementary field trips to units of study and increase exposure to STEM-related fields	<ul><li>Building Principals</li><li>Director of Curriculum,</li><li>Instruction and Assessment</li></ul>	Fall 2023 - Spring 2025
C. Continue to investigate ways varsity coaches can supplement youth skill development within their specific sport  a. Design a youth skill building component for each sport offered at PB	<ul><li>Athletic Director</li><li>Coaching Staff</li></ul>	Ongoing

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#### **PRIORITY AREA 3:** Organizational Shifts

**Objective:** We will create a flexible plan that addresses student enrollment issues and supports positive student experiences by maintaining a safe and financially responsible district.

Action Steps	Who	When
A. Review and update the results of enrollment changes  a. Elementary programming  i. Staffing  ii. Academic programming  b. Secondary programming  i. Staffing  ii. Pathways to graduation  iii. Academic programming  c. Transportation and Operations  i. Bus Runs  ii. Start/end times	<ul> <li>Who</li> <li>Superintendent of Schools</li> <li>Assistant Superintendent of Schools</li> </ul>	<b>When</b> Fall 2023 - Fall 2025
iii. Facilities iv. Technology v. Food service d. District Finances e. Schedule times to reshare with staff and allow time for questions  B. Continue to enhance PR throughout the	Director of Special	Fall 2023 - Spring 2024
district  a. One-page flyer highlighting facts about our district  b. Create an informational video about Port Byron  c. Post pictures to show community what happens in and out of school	Programs  • CiTiBOCES PR Team	
C. Research best practices and develop plans to support transitioning students  a. Home to UPK  b. 6th grade to 7th grade  c. Students moving into the district  d. Post Graduation	<ul><li>Director of Special Programs</li><li>Building Principals</li></ul>	Fall 2023 - Spring 2024



#### **PRIORITY AREA 4:** Community Engagement

**Objective:** We will increase parent/community member involvement in school activities and strengthen communication methods.

Action Steps	Who	When
A. Schedule and participate in community events  a. Town Budget Meetings  b. BOE Meetings  c. Community Forums  d. Monthly Digital Newsletter  e. Weekly e-news Updates	Superintendent of Schools     President – Board of Education	Fall 2023 - Fall 2025
B. Develop a variety of strategies to enhance parent engagement (UPK-12)  a. Back to School Picnics b. Special Person's Day c. BINGO Events d.Open House events e. PTA Membership f. Art Show g. Parent Square Posts d. STEM night	Building principals     Director of Special     Programs	Ongoing
C. Evaluate and streamline communication methods  a. Continue to enhance use of ParentSquare b. Continue to enhance digital newsletter c. Weekly newsletters sent by all teachers	Administrative Team	Fall 2023 - Spring 2025
D. Collaborate with local businesses, organizations, and nonprofits to form partnerships.  a. Visits from businesses into the school  b. Programs developed for students in coordination with businesses  c. Align PBL projects with opportunities for community engagement	<ul> <li>Administrative Team</li> <li>Guidance Counselors</li> <li>Elementary School Counselor</li> </ul>	Fall 2023 - Fall 2025



## 2023 BLUEPRINT TEAM

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## **ACCOUNTABILITY & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

What gets measured, gets done. It is important to stay focused on the work at hand and to hold each other accountable for achieving outcomes. In the spirit of transparency, diligence to the task at hand and sharing our progress as a team, the following schedule has been developed for regular reporting on progress in working towards objectives:

Timeframe	Activity	Who
January 2024	Blueprint action steps     updated and presented to     the BOE	<ul><li>BOE</li><li>Superintendent</li><li>Leadership Team</li><li>Staff</li><li>Community Members</li></ul>
March 2024	Blueprint updates provided to the BOE, community and staff	Superintendent     Leadership Team
May 2024	Blueprint updates provided to the BOE, community and staff	<ul><li>Superintendent</li><li>Leadership Team</li></ul>
July 2024	<ul> <li>Review of action steps and updates as needed</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Superintendent</li><li>Leadership Team</li></ul>
September 2024	Blueprint action steps     updated and presented to     the BOE	<ul><li>BOE</li><li>Superintendent</li><li>Leadership Team</li><li>Staff</li><li>Community Members</li></ul>