

# Chestnut Ridge School District Goals 2018-2019

**Inspiring and empowering all  
students for the ever-changing  
world**

## *Fiscal Stability*

The Superintendent will work closely with the Business Manager and the Board of Education to find creative approaches to balance the budget in a manner that will positively affect student achievement.

- Develop, along with the Business Manager, a budget that supports the district's mission, vision, and goals.
- Maintain the financial integrity by continuing appropriate reserve accounts that support the district's mission, vision, and goals.
- Continue to develop and implement measures to keep the district fiscally responsible .

## *Curriculum & Instruction*

In collaboration with the administrative and teacher teams, curriculum and instructional practices will maximize student and teacher learning.

- Finalize vertical alignment of curriculum in all core subject areas.
- Promote rigorous and relevant instruction to support today's learner through the implementation of research-based best practices.
- Continue a district-wide literacy focus on text dependent analysis, vocabulary, and writing across the curriculum. Collins Writing will be the primary focus for these activities.
- Maintain Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) activities to the elementary (K-2) curriculum.
- Increase instructional time and align materials in mathematics in the middle grades (Grades 5-8). We are currently set up to have double blocks of math for those grades
- Pilot an Advanced Placement course (Statistics) at the high school for 11th and 12th graders as well as 10th graders with Gifted Individualized Education Plans (GIEPs).
- Continue collaborative Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to enhance teacher dialogue about teaching and learning.
- Develop data binders that will focus on Eligible content as well as standards alignment
- Ensure that all professional development activities are aligned with the district's mission, vision, and goals.

## *Safe Learning Environment*

The administrative team will enhance student well-being through the utilization of existing resources and staff. This will provide increased knowledge of situational awareness and its impact on our school and community.

- Implement Positive Behavior Support (PBS) in each building, starting with the development of teams and school-wide rules. Key team members will be trained by IU #8 to ensure the implementation and effectiveness of Year 2.
- Conduct emergency drills throughout the school year for students and staff (such as lockdown drills) in addition to the monthly fire drills and yearly inclement weather drill. We are required to do one intruder drill per year as per PDE
- Continue to research school safety practices.
- Search for trainings on safe schools and pursue outside resources to assist in the implementation of safety practices.

## *Student Academic Achievement and Growth*

The school district will continue to promote student achievement as well as student growth as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education through School Performance Profile (SPP), Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), Keystone Exams, National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI), and Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS). Local assessment results will also be utilized to ensure student academic achievement and growth.

- Demonstrate annual improvement in each building's School Performance Profile (SPP) as well as the overall district SPP.
- Demonstrate annual improvement in closing the achievement gap for economically disadvantaged students.
- Increase the number of students who complete the district's Virtual Academy courses.
- Increase the district's graduation rate.
- Increase the district's attendance rate.

## *Technology Education*

The school district will continue to be a leader in the integration of technology in the classroom to enhance student learning.

- Increase technology tools/equipment at the elementary level (K-2).
- Utilize Virtual Academy with alternative educational options.
- Update WAPS in Central Elementary to provide greater internet access.
- Expand STEM initiatives at all levels.
- Expand opportunities for student choice through online resources to support personalized student interests and learning goals.