



ANKENY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pre-Entry Presentation

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Board Meeting



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Our Mission:

Ankeny Community Schools is unified in its commitment, passion, and vision so every learner is prepared to achieve a lifetime of personal success.



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Agenda

- I. Overview
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- III. Goals
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- VI. Process
- VII. Key Findings
- VIII. Next Steps



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Entry Plan: Overview

Pre-Entry Planning

**Phase 1: Collaborating
Days 1-50**

**Phase 2: Leading
Days 51-100**

May 17 - May 21

June 7 - June 11



Priorities of the Entry Plan

- Assess the strengths, challenges, and opportunities of the District
- Establish a positive presence in the community
- Establish relationships with internal and external stakeholders
- Development of a plan for accelerating the academic progress of all students



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Goals of the Entry Plan

- Learn about key elements of the district
- Build trust
- Process district, city and state information



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Intended Outcomes

- Identify recurring themes (findings)
- Share potential strategies for system-wide continuous improvement
- Ensure alignment of the district's systems and operating procedures to the current and future strategic priorities



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Pre-Entry Purpose

Gain a better understanding of the **strengths** and **opportunities** of the District's staff, students, community, academic programs, operations and financial position.



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Pre-Entry Process

- Department Briefings
- 1:1 meetings
- Focus groups
- Document and Data Review



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Key Findings: Board of Education

- Has a strong commitment and allegiance to community
- Committed to DEI
- Committed to improving student achievement
- Desires more data to inform strategic plan implementation and governance
- Focused on systems thinking
- Committed to the success of all students



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Key Findings: Students

- Believes student voice is important to help shape positive experiences for all students
- Eager to engage school administrators and central office team
- Want exposure and opportunity to explore multiple post-secondary pathways



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Key Findings: Community

- Support for district and school is important
- District provides great experiences for students
- Believes district is in constant pursuit of excellence
- Despite success there is room for growth



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Key Findings: Central Office

- Focused on continuous improvement
- Desire to enhance support for school staff
- Understands the importance of DEI
- Value leadership in decision-making
- Committed to schools and community
- Believes there are opportunities to improve overall internal and external communication



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Next Steps

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Began on July 1



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The Listening Continues

- Focus groups and 1:1 meetings will continue throughout the fall and winter
- Launching planning process for next strategic plan
- Will continue to share entry plan findings



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Upcoming District Events

Save the Date!

Back to School Forum with a Community Social to follow

When: Monday, August 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Southview Middle School Cafeteria

Topics

- Updated COVID-19 mitigation procedures for SY21-22
- Remote learning
- School updates & collaboration with Principals



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Thank you!