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December 16, 2011

Dear Families, Staff and Community Members of District #429,

On October 5, 2011 the Board began the process of developing a long-range Strategic Plan to guide the efforts of the District's administration, teachers, and staff for the next five years. At the board meeting last night, the Board approved a DRAFT version of the following goals and corresponding objectives:

Goal #1 – To improve learning and academic achievement for all students.

- Objective 1 – Align our curriculum with the National Common Core Standards to ensure the validity of external state assessment programs;
- Objective 2 – Develop a research-based teacher evaluation plan that incorporates the growth of student learning and the growth of the teacher as a professional;
- Objective 3 – Staff will integrate current technology into daily curriculum.

Goal #2 – To ensure financial stability for the District.

- Objective 1 – Build fund balances in each operating fund to maintain stable district finances;
- Objective 2 – Maintain Financial Recognition Status from the Illinois State Board of Education;
- Objective 3 – Continue to apply for grants to supplement tax dollars;
- Objective 4 – Inform the community about the financial operations and needs of District #429;
- Objective 5 – Academic and athletic facilities will be safe and meet life safety requirements.

Goal #3 – The District will increase community awareness and involvement of all stakeholders in District #429 through community newsletters, online District communications and community events.

- Objective 1 – Communicate District activities through a variety of media.
- Objective 2 – Provide opportunity for community input beyond the regular Board meetings.
- Objective 3 – Promote and maintain use of Teacher Ease between teachers and parents.

A special board meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 19, 2012 in Central school's cafeteria. During this meeting stakeholders will be provided an opportunity to respond and contribute to the development of these goals. If anyone would like to provide feedback or comment prior to the January 19th meeting, please contact a school board member or email the Board at secretary@pontiac429.org.

The development of a Strategic Plan will continue through March with a final plan presented at the April regular school board meeting. When the Strategic Plan is approved, it will be a collaborative framework for evaluating student success, developing budgets, establishing priorities and communicating district progress to the community.

Sincerely,
District #429 School Board