



Dear Friends of District 65:

District 65 is embarking on a strategic planning process that will set priorities for the next three years. This process will require educators, students and their families, and members of the community at-large to contribute to the development of a strong and effective plan that reflects the issues and concerns of all stakeholders.

The strategic plan will be developed by five working committees that will each focus on one of the following key areas:

- **High Quality Teaching and Learning**
  - *How do we ensure every student has access to challenging and engaging curriculum and innovative instructional practices?*
- **Thriving Workforce**
  - *How do we recruit, develop, and retain the best educators and administrators?*
- **Safe and Supportive School Climate**
  - *How do we ensure a learning environment that supports all aspects of students' personal and social development?*
- **Family and Community Engagement**
  - *How do we work together with families and community partners to support all students?*
- **Financial Sustainability**
  - *How do we secure the financial future of District 65?*

In addition to the five working committees, there will be **an external advisory committee** made up of a broad and representative group of community partners. This committee will provide input and guidance on next steps.

Each committee will reflect the diversity of our community and will be staffed by 10-12 members. We will use an open nominating process and will look for the following:

- I am currently a student, parent/guardian, teacher, principal, support staff member, administrator, subject matter expert, or resident of Evanston or Skokie;
- Working Committees: you can attend at least (4) two-hour meetings over a two-month period. (Meetings will likely occur late afternoon/early evening.)
- External Advisory Committee: you can attend (3) two-hour meetings over the course of plan development.
- I am comfortable working in a collaborative structure; and
- I am willing to participate fully in the development of goals and strategies in accordance with the project timeline.

To nominate yourself or someone else for either a working committee or the external advisory committee, please complete the accompanying application and return to any District 65 school, email it to [input@district65.net](mailto:input@district65.net), or mail it to: Evanston/Skokie School District 65, ATTN: Strategic Planning, 1500 McDaniel Ave, Evanston, IL 60201.

**Applications must be completed and submitted by September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**