

# 2016-17 Goals Progress Report

The following paragraphs provide evidence of progress or completion for each GCSD school board objective for the 2016-17 school year.

## I. **Update District Facilities & Technology:**

*Initiate the development of technology systems and practices that support an evolving and adaptable learning environment.*

- **Putting a device in the hands of each student** (source: Carlos Ramirez 05/24/17 inventory e-mail)
  - 1110 chromebooks currently provided to students (455 newer Acers and 655 older Samsungs)
  - 134 iPads currently provided to students
- **Providing connectivity for all devices:**
  - Per SWBOCES Managed Fiber Bid 2017-2022 Award Authorization, Bid awarded to BestWeb for 4 site 10 GB mesh (\$172,500)
  - Completed Smart Schools Public hearing at Dec 2016 BOE meeting. Recently applied to state to upgrade wireless connectivity for our schools.
- **Setting curriculum goals for each grade level:**

Draft Technology plan now includes teacher-generated goals for elementary grade levels for Creativity and Innovation, Communication and collaboration, Research and information fluency, Critical thinking, problem solving and decision making, Digital citizenship, and Technology operations and concepts. (source Technology Committee **2016-2019TechPlanDraft (3).docx** )

Secondary school goals organized by department are pending.

- **Adding or enhancing Student technology programs:**
  - Hour of Code expanded to 1 week and included all students K-8
  - Robotic surgery program at White Plains Hospital
  - Cloud-based computing through Google Apps & Google Classroom
  - Robotics team is winning contests
- **Providing mechanisms for continued evolution:**

Identified Brightbytes Clarity for Teachers survey tool to gather information on technology use and needs throughout the district

## 2. **Expand Stakeholder Engagement:** *Continue to develop partnerships with business and community-based organizations to secure additional resources to support district programs.*

New this year:

- TD Young Partnership with GCSD for My Brother's Keeper initiative

- NY Mets sponsored Greenburgh Day at Citifield. Proceeds benefit WHS Scholarship Fund. Mets will continue to sponsor other programs with our district.
- SMART (Students and Mature Adults Read Together) with JCY-Westchester
- Women's Council of Realtors Empire Local Westchester, publicity & speaking opportunity
- The Old Guard of Westchester: speaking opportunity
- White Plains Hospital and Phelps Hospital robotics programs
- Rekindled partnership with Regeneron

**3. Align & Articulate Curriculum:**

*Improve student achievement (literacy and numeracy) by 5% for 80% of students for academic year 2016-7. K-8 measured by i-Ready assessment and 9-12 measured by ELA and Algebra Regents examinations.*

- i-Ready Pretests completed in October
- i-Ready available data for all students shows a 9% increase for Math and a 5% increase for ELA when comparing 2015-16 to 2016-17. Note that scores for grades 7 & 8 were assessed for 2015-16 but not 2016-17.

**i-Ready Student Growth by Grade and School Reports:**

**ELA 2015-16**

**ELA 2016-17**

**Math 2015-16**

**Math 2016-17**

- June 2017 Regents in ELA (91%) and Algebra (76%) at WHS:  
**ELA & Algebra I Regents Results 2016-17**

**4. Stabilize leadership:**

*Expand Universal Design for Learning (UDL) training to 90% of staff for academic year 2016-17.*

- Six training events completed for the year, most involving entire instructional staff
- UDL training was expanded to include a parent training event 01/24/17

**5. Fiscal Stability & Efficiency:**

*Develop a five-year budget plan that illustrates cost saving measures. Additionally, implement more efficient ways to communicate with the public for academic year 2016-17*

- Plan is to maintain a rolling 5-year budget summary projection.
- Prerequisite for relatively accurate estimates are approved multi-year employment contracts, such as the GTF contract (ratified 01/27/17).
- Initial projection included in 06/09/17 board packet, was discussed at 06/19 Fiscal Planning Committee meeting. Suggested potential savings include continued retirement incentives, vendor contract negotiations, and an energy performance contract.
- Implementing more efficient ways to communicate with the public through:
  - Improved website, launched 01/17
  - Greenburgh App
  - K12 Alert
  - Increases in social media usage:  
Facebook 07/16 457 likes, by 01/16 increased to 652 likes, 06/23 742 likes  
Twitter 07/16 5 followers, 07/17 349 followers

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