

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commitments, Vision, Goals - 2011/2012

OUR COMMITMENTS as a public school system:

We are committed to cultivate a learning community where students are engaged in their learning, strive for excellence, and are supported to achieve to their fullest potential.

We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing learning environment where every member of the Piedmont Schools feels respected. We strive to increase everyone's sense of inclusion in our community. Our practice of safety and inclusion begins with our policy of prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, language, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

We are committed to foster an education program that equips our students to live in a diverse world, acknowledge and appreciate cultural differences, understand the significance of socioeconomic inequalities, recognize the biases and discrimination that exist, identify conflicts and options for resolution, and take action for positive change.

We are committed to advance the beliefs, commitments, vision, and goals of our school system by:
 - working collaboratively and allocating and effectively managing limited resources

OUR VISION

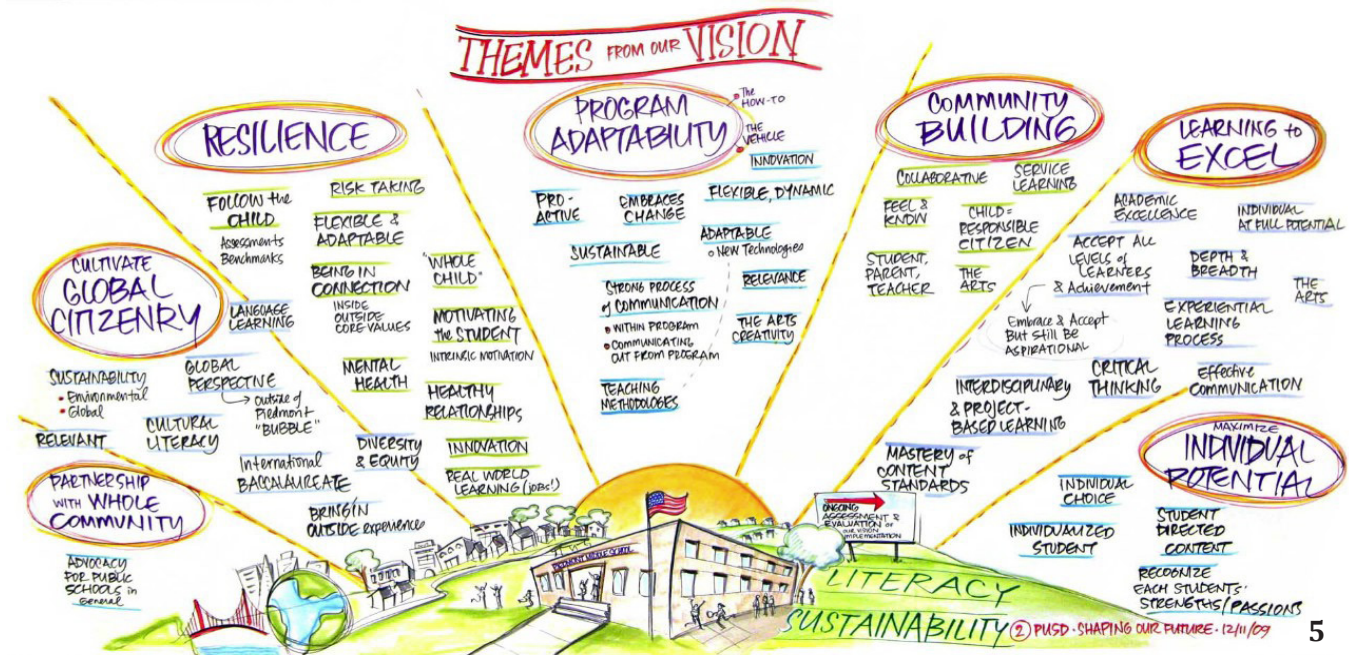
Our vision for "Shaping Our Future" is rooted in six major themes.

1. Supporting Academic Excellence

By creating a breadth and depth of engaging learning opportunities for all students, continue to inspire, teach, and support students of all levels of learning to: acquire mastery of the California content standards; cultivate critical thinking skills; and achieve to one's fullest potential

2. Maximizing Individual Potential

Recognizing that each student has unique passions, motivations, and strengths, help students to individualize their education and achieve to their fullest potential.



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3. Developing Resilience

Create a culture of learning in the schools, where students feel safe taking risks, being flexible, innovative, and adaptable, and taking on new challenges. In addition to following students through assessments and benchmarks, offer social skills development and counseling support, so students are prepared to meet real world challenges in their lives with resilience.

4. Promoting Program Adaptability

With an emphasis on continuous growth and effective communications, reflect on the relevance and effectiveness of educational programs in a rapidly changing world in order to create learning opportunities that are comprehensive, innovative, dynamic, and sustainable.

5. Cultivating A Global Citizenry

Cultivate students to become engaged and responsible citizens in the larger global community.

6. Building K-12 Community

Develop collaborations across groups in the K-12 educational community to stay informed and to participate in the development and maintenance of programs and practices that support the District's commitments, vision, and goals.

OUR GOALS

#1 – Adapt & Improve Educational Program Delivery:

Continuously adapt and improve program delivery in collaboration with administration, staff, employee groups, support groups, parents, and the community, so that we can continue to provide a comprehensive educational program for all students that supports academic excellence, maximizes individual potential, and cultivates global citizenship.

#2 – Support Professional Growth & Instructional Effectiveness:

With a focus on supporting student growth through an effective instructional program, work in collaboration with administration and employee groups to enhance evaluation, training, and compensation systems in order to attract and sustain a quality professional staff for all students within budget limitations.

#3 – Provide a Safe Learning Environment:

Provide students with a safe and healthful learning environment where respect, inclusion, resilience, responsible citizenship, self discipline, and personal responsibility are thoughtfully practiced.

#4 – Cultivate a Dynamic Learning Community:

Cultivate a dynamic learning community focused on growth, inquiry, and communications in partnership with employees, parents, students, community members, and organized groups.

#5 – Develop & Implement a Sustainable Plan to Balance the Budget:

Continue to develop and implement a three-year plan to balance the budget in collaboration with administration, employee groups, support groups, parents, and the community, in order to sustain the quality of our educational and instructional programs, and school facilities.

Goal #6 – Invest In & Preserve School Facilities & Infrastructure:

Develop and implement a plan to ensure the long-term safety, accessibility, usability, and value of school facilities and infrastructure within budget limitations and in collaboration with the City of Piedmont where appropriate.