

Location: Ripon (Unified School District)
Issue: Ripon USD's Service Prioritization/K12
Methodology: Facilitated Meetings
CSC: 2008 Catalyst Grant Recipient

The district is about to embark on a long-term strategic planning process to set the course for the future. The community is alive and vibrant with a small town atmosphere that attracts families. The Board of Trustees has recently hired Dr. Louise Nan to lead the district as its new superintendent. The end product of the project will be a vision for the future of Ripon schools in service to our community. The project will harness the values and beliefs of the entire school community to build a compelling vision for the future along with long-term goals and short-term strategies and benchmarks to measure progress along the way.

A timeline for the project is as follows:

August 2008: Board of Trustees holds a Town Hall Meeting to kick off the project.

August - December 2008: Superintendent holds stakeholder meetings with schools, parent groups, community groups, agencies, and service groups to gather input.

September 2008: Board holds a "futures workshop" to assess needs in the next decade.

January 2009: Superintendent holds a two day "Education Summit" with representative students, teachers, staff, parents, community leaders, and other governmental agencies to draft the belief statements, vision statement, mission statement and long term goals.

February 2009: Board holds a first reading of draft plan and gives direction for input.

March 2009: Revised plan considered by Board of Trustees for adoption.

April - May, 2009: Staff and community subcommittees develop initial short-term strategies and benchmarks for the 2009-2010 school year.

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