# 2015-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE JEFFCO 2020 VISION

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Jeffco 2020 competencies.



**JEFFCO** 2020 Vision

Civic & Global Engagement | Communication

Critical Thinking & Creativity | Self-Direction & Personal Responsibility

# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As we get underway in the start of the 2015-2016 school year, it is a great reminder that each new school year is a new beginning. And like every beginning, this is a fresh start with the continued opportunity to grow as individuals and as a community. We are excited about our work to implement the Jeffco 2020 Vision. Last spring, we involved multiple stakeholders in a conversation about what competencies a student graduating in 2020 from Jeffco needs to have. This vision informed the strategic plan for educating our kids moving forward. That work starts today.

It is our hope that throughout this school year and the next, our students are empowered and inspired with the knowledge and skills to pursue their life aspirations. Our teachers will feel empowered to educate and inspire students to make meaningful connections to college, career, and life aspirations. Our leaders will feel empowered and inspired to develop leadership in others. In addition, we want to see student growth and achievement move upward to surpass expectations and the fiscal health of the district continue to improve.

Jeffco Public Schools has a long tradition of quality education. This tradition provides the foundation for which to carry out the strategic work necessary to accomplish the district vision. The Jeffco 2020 Vision defines the characteristics of the fully prepared high school graduate for 2020 and beyond. This strategic plan sets priorities for the district in order to provide all students from Pre-K to 12th grade the educational experiences necessary to make progress toward the Jeffco 2020 Vision.

With the combined efforts of students, Jeffco staff, parents, and community members, great things lie ahead in Jeffco Public Schools. We are excited to work together to activate, actualize and achieve bright futures.

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# READER'S ROADMAP: ACTION PLAN

The Jeffco 2015-17 Strategic Plan lays out the actions that will be taken to make progress toward the Jeffco 2020 Vision:

In order for students to pursue their life goals, by 2020 all Jeffco graduates will be able to successfully apply the Jeffco 2020 competencies: content mastery, critical thinking and creativity, civic and global engagement, communication and self-direction and personal responsibility.

Three strategies make up the plan and include essential actions focused on specific Jeffco 2020 competencies:

#### Empower to Educate, Inspire to Learn

Including: Habits of Success – whole child development

Student, Educator, Parent and Community Empowerment – active engagement in student learning

#### Connect to College, Career and Life Aspirations

Including: Student Learning Expectations – prioritizing what students need to know and be able to do
High Quality Instruction – creating the conditions for engaged teaching, learning and ongoing progress
Multiple Pathways – ensuring access and opportunity for all Jeffco students

#### Leadership Development for all Stakeholders

Including: High Quality Professional Learning – professional growth and leadership development Continuous Improvement – commitment to Jeffco 2020 competencies for all Jeffco students

The actions within the priority strategies will be accomplished as follows:

Action steps implemented by **all schools** and all departments in the district by the end of the **2015-2016** school year.

Action steps implemented by **all schools** and all departments in the district by the end of the **2016-2017** school year.

Action steps that are future-focused next steps to be implemented by pilot schools and departments in order to identify successful practices for the district.

The Evaluation Plan (pg. 7) outlines the means for monitoring the implementation of the strategic plan and measuring the impact on student performance of the Jeffco 2020 competencies.



# STRATEGY ONE: EMPOWER TO EDUCATE, INSPIRE TO LEARN



Aligned to Jeffco 2020 Vision: Self-Direction & Personal Responsibility, Communication, Civic & Global Engagement

#### **Habits of Success**

Prioritize and develop resources and support for social, emotional and physical wellness to promote whole child development. Utilize resources/support to implement strategies/tools that support whole child development for the purpose of empowering students through active engagement, leadership and academic excellence.

Collaborate with families and community to provide opportunities to build student resilience through social, emotional and academic challenges.

#### Student, Educator, and Parent Empowerment

Establish feedback mechanisms for parents and other stakeholders for two-way communication about performance on student learning outcomes and whole child development.

Use feedback mechanisms to optimize two-way communication about student progress and recommendations for next steps in learning.

### **Community Partnerships**

Develop partnerships with community groups and businesses to enhance student learning experiences.

Develop opportunities for students to be actively engaged in the community/world to participate and/or learn firsthand.

Develop community/business participation in classrooms for authentic, relevant real-world engagement for students.

### Successful implementation of this strategy will result in the following Jeffco 2020 outcomes:

**Students will** develop skills that empower them toward personal responsibility, academic growth and motivate them to advocate for their life aspirations.

**Educators and leaders will** collaborate with students, families and the community to enable student success through development of essential life skills and inspired academic learning.

Community will partner with students, educators and school/district leaders to connect school learning to real-world engagement.



# STRATEGY TWO: CONNECT TO COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE ASPIRATIONS



Aligned to Jeffco 2020 Vision: Content Mastery, Communication, Critical Thinking & Creativity

## **Student Learning Expectations**

Expand District Curriculum to enhance integration/emphasis on Jeffco 2020 competencies.

Develop and implement learning progressions from PreK to 12<sup>th</sup> for Jeffco 2020 competencies.

Implement prioritized learning targets for competencies that benefit all students to master.

Provide success criteria for student ownership of learning (goal setting, body of evidence, self-monitoring, self-reflection).

## **Quality Instructional Practices & Programs**

Retain and hire high quality educators who are effective in teaching mastery of content and competencies; with diverse backgrounds and experiences

Provide learning opportunities that engage students in rigorous, flexible, original complex thinking.

Provide growth-producing feedback and learning supports that ensure students grow in and achieve the Jeffco 2020 competencies.

Utilize high quality standardsbased teaching and learning strategies/tools that result in evidence-based impact on student learning.

#### **Balanced Measures**

Utilize balanced assessment data to track student growth and achievement.

Provide all stakeholders with useful data on student growth, achievement and post-secondary and workforce readiness.

Provide performance assessments and alternative measures to assess student learning of the Jeffco 2020 Competencies.

#### **Recognition, Intervention and Advancement**

Provide multiple pathways of learning to ensure that all students have equity in access to, opportunity for and expectation of the Jeffco 2020 Vision.

Provide multiple pathways of learning in order to meet all students' needs and aspirations.

Provide learning opportunities to all students that ensure authentic, relevant real-world engagement.

## Successful implementation of this strategy will result in the following Jeffco 2020 outcomes:

Students will think critically and creatively in order to solve complex problems, ignite innovations and make informed decisions.

**Educators and leaders will** provide rigorous and relevant learning opportunities through multiple pathways in order to meet all students' needs and aspirations.

**Community will** actively engage with schools to ensure students have what they need to achieve academic success and pursue their life aspirations.

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## STRATEGY THREE: DEVELOP LEADERSHIP FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS



Aligned to Jeffco 2020 Vision: Civic & Global Engagement, Communication, Critical Thinking & Creativity

### **High Quality Professional Learning**

Provide high quality professional learning aligned to students' needs in achieving Jeffco 2020 Vision.

Use evaluation processes to establish priorities for professional growth that impacts student learning. Provide high quality professional learning that advances student use of technology as a tool for blended learning and effective communication.

Provide evidence-based impact of professional learning on practice that increases student learning.

#### **Leadership Development**

Provide leadership opportunities in the Jeffco 2020 work that supports educator leadership, shared leadership and school/district leadership.

Utilize shared leadership opportunities with families and community to advance student learning of the Jeffco 2020 competencies.

Provide learning opportunities for all students to development leadership skills through implementation of the Jeffco 2020 competencies.

### **Continuous Improvement**

Provide clear meaningful expectations for students, educators, leaders, schools and district staff for the Jeffco 2020 Vision.

Improve the use of current continuous improvement strategies and tools in order to identify and expand proven practices that increase student achievement and post-secondary and workforce readiness.

Implement evidence-based impact models that identify successful practices that can be shared throughout the district.

## Successful implementation of this strategy will result in the following Jeffco 2020 outcomes:

**Students will** learn to communicate and collaborate in order to effectively engage with each other, their schools, and the larger community through service & leadership opportunities.

**Educators and leaders will** provide instructional and organizational leadership through district initiatives, ongoing professional development and a commitment to continuous improvement for student success.

**Community will** partner with students, schools and district leadership to identify successes in order to advance exponential gains in student performance.

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# 2015-2017 EVALUATION PLAN

The evaluation plan for the strategic plan outlines the means with which progress of implementation will be measured as defined by the impact on student performance of the Jeffco 2020 competencies.



Strategy One: Empower to Educate, Inspire to Learn										
BOE Governing Statement	Strategic Plan Actions	Who Leads the Work	Input Evidence (Resources and activities)	Output Evidence (Processes & products)	ACTUAL Measurable System Performance	Student Performance Measures	Student Performance Metrics	Intended Student Outcomes		IMPACT
								BOE Ends	Jeffco 2020 Competencies	<ul><li>Measurable</li><li>Student</li><li>Performance</li></ul>
Every student will be taught by an effective teacher in a school led by an effective principal so that they are prepared for continuous learning and the world of work in the changing environment of the 21st century.	<ul> <li>Habits of success</li> <li>Social, emotional and physical wellness</li> <li>Academic excellence, student leadership and active engagement</li> <li>Skills for challenging learning</li> </ul>	Lead: SIET Partners: ERD, Schools	by January 2016	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by July 2016 Final Results by July 2017	State measures	<ul> <li>SPF grade level expectations: writing</li> <li>Discipline ratings</li> <li>Attendance ratings</li> <li>Healthy behaviors results</li> </ul>	Ends 4 Every student will learn in a caring, safe, and engaging school environment that maximizes parental involvement and encourages community support.	Self-Direction & Personal Responsibility: Every student will master performance criteria for emotional intelligence, health & wellness, and perseverance.  Communication: Every student will master grade level criteria for communication.  Civic & Global Engagement: Every student will master grade level criteria for	Mid Term Results by June 2016 Final Results by June 2017
	Student and Parent Empowerment  Feedback mechanisms for two-way communication  Communication about student progress and next steps in learning	Lead: SIET, IT Partners: ERD, Schools	by December 2015	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by July 2016 Final Results by July 2017	Local measures  Make Your Voice Heard survey  Parent survey	District targets			Mid Term Results by June 2016 Final Results by June 2017
	Community partnerships     Students actively engaged in the community/world     Community/business participation in classrooms	Lead: SIET, Schools Partners: ERD, SIET	by December 2015	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by December 2016 Final Results by June 2017	Alternative measures:  • Emotional intelligence • Health & wellness • Perseverance • Collaboration • Cultural proficiency	Scores from scale of alternative measure			Pilot schools results by June 2016 Pilot schools comparability results by June 2017

# 2015-2017 Evaluation Plan for the Strategic Plan

Strategy Two: Connect to College, Career and Life Aspirations										
BOE	Strategic Plan Actions	Who Leads the Work	Input Evidence (Resources and activities)	Output Evidence (Processes & products)	ACTUAL Measurable System Performance	Student Performance Measures	Student Performance Metrics	Intended Student Outcomes		IMPACT
Governing Statement								BOE Ends	Jeffco 2020 Competencies	Measurable Student Performance
Every student will be taught by an effective teacher in a school led by an effective principal so that they are prepared for continuous learning and the world of work in the changing environment of the 21st century.	Student Learning Expectations  Comprehensive aligned curriculum; integration/ Learning progressions of competencies  Prioritized learning targets  Student ownership of learning	Lead: ERD Partners: SIET, Schools	by December 2015	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by July 2016 Final Results by July 2017	State Assessments	SPF grade level expectations: math, reading, writing, science BOE Achievement Targets  • 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading: 80-85%  • 4 <sup>th</sup> grade math: 77- 80%writing: ES (64%), MS (66%), HS (59%) BOE Growth Targets 50th MGP or growth measures over 50th MGP increase by designated target (see BOE website)	Ends 1 Every student will master the Colorado Content Standards at grade level.  Ends 2 Every student will achieve one year's growth, or more as needed to 'catch up,' in each year of school and be ready for the next level.  Ends 3 Every student will graduate career and workforce and/or post-secondary ready.	Content Mastery: Every student will master the Colorado Content Standards at grade level.  Communication: Every student will master grade level criteria for communication.  Critical Thinking & Creativity: Every student will master grade level criteria for problem-solving, analysis & reasoning, decision-making and creativity skills.	Mid Term Results by August 2016 Final Results by August 2017
	High quality instructional practices/ programs:  Retain and hire effective educators  Learning opportunities for rigorous, flexible, original complex thinking  Formative practices for growth- producing feedback  Instructional practices with demonstrated evidence of impact	Lead: Schools Partners: ERD, SIET, HR	by December 2015	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by July 2016 Final Results by July 2017	Local measures  Local assessments:  MAP	All students complete     Algebra by end of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade  Grade level targets:     math     reading     language usage			Mid Term Results by June 2016 Final Results by June 2017
	Balanced Measures and Multiple Pathways  Balanced student assessment and data monitoring to produce body of evidence Performance assessments and alternative measures Multiple pathways to meet all students' needs Differentiate supports to ensure equity	Lead: ERD Partners: IT, SIET, Schools	by December 2015	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by July 2016 Final Results by July 2017	Performance assessments:  Communication Problem-solving Analysis & reasoning Decision-making Creativity	Grade level rubric scores			Pilot schools results by August 2016 Pilot schools comparability results by July 2017

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BOE Governing Statement	Strategic Plan Actions	Who Leads the Work (Link to Dept. Plan)	Input Evidence (Resources and activities)	Output Evidence (Processes & products)	ACTUAL Measurable System Performance	Student Performance Measures	Student Performance Metrics	Intended Student Outcomes		IMPACT
								BOE Ends	Jeffco 2020 Competencies	Measurable Student Performance
Every student will be taught by an effective teacher in a school led by an effective principal so that they are prepared for continuous learning and the world of work in the changing environment of the 21st century.	<ul> <li>High Quality Professional Learning</li> <li>Professional learning aligned to Jeffco 2020 Vision</li> <li>Evaluation used for professional growth</li> <li>Advancing student use of technology</li> <li>Connecting professional practice to student outcomes</li> </ul>	Lead: ERD, SIET Partners: Central Depts., Schools	by December 2015	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by July 2016 Final Results by July 2017	State measures	<ul> <li>SPF grade level expectations: writing</li> <li>Discipline ratings</li> <li>Attendance ratings</li> </ul>	Ends 5 Every student will become a responsible citizen.	Communication: Every student will master grade level criteria for communication.  Civic & Global Engagement: Every student will master grade level criteria for leadership, citizenship and cultural proficiency.  Critical Thinking & Creativity:	Mid Term Results by June 2016 Final Results by June 2017
	Leadership development  Leadership learning for educators and leaders  Shared leadership with families and community  Learning opportunities of leadership skills for students	Lead: SIET, ERD Partners: HR, Schools	by December 2015	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by August 2016 Final Results by July 2017	Local measures  Make Your Voice Heard survey  Welcoming Environment survey	District targets			Mid Term Results by June 2016 Final Results by June 2017
	Continuous Improvement Clear meaningful expectations Continuous improvement strategies and tools Evidence-based models for successful practices	Lead: ERD, SIET Partners: HR, Schools	by December 2015	by June 2016	Mid Term Results by July 2016 Final Results by July 2017	Alternative measures:  Leadership Citizenship Cultural proficiency Collaboration Active Listening Conflict Management	Scores from scale of alternative measure		Every student will master grade level criteria for problem-solving, analysis & reasoning, decision-making and creativity skills.	Pilot schools results by June 2016 Pilot schools comparability results by June 2017