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MESSAGE FROM THE

Superintendent

As your new Superintendent of Schools, I'm excited to share this first Quality Profile with our community. It is important to me that you understand exactly where our schools are today and what our focus is for the future.

The Quality Profile is designed to give every resident a quick look at the major priorities and areas of focus in our schools. Just as every student is so much more than a standardized test score, so are our schools. At Lakota Local Schools, we go beyond the state minimums to ensure that every child is ready to become a successful and contributing member of our society.

This includes offering an array of academic and extracurricular programs, building a network that can support modern technology and ensuring that our finances are aligned with our priorities, while also being used as effectively as possible. Our schools provide safe and secure environments in which our students can learn, as well as real-world experiences, thanks to our internship program and other amazing community partners.

I am committed to sharing our story so that each and every resident understands the true value you receive by living in the Lakota Local School District. Should you have questions at any time, please visit our website or contact our Central Office. We are here to help and greatly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Miller
Superintendent

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Quality Profile

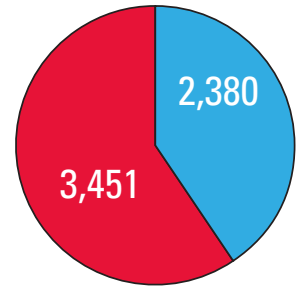
*Great Opportunities.
Great Value.*

OUR VISION: *Instilling Pride. Igniting Passion. Infinite Possibilities.*



Academics

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSE WORK



2017

■ AP Courses ■ Honor Courses

Academics are at the core of any good value and at Lakota Local Schools that is certainly true. Lakota is preparing students to be ready to face the modern world for life after graduation. This means ensuring students have a plan for enlistment, employment or enrollment in a college or university of their choice. By offering a diverse set of courses, Lakota provides an educational program that meets the unique needs of every student.

GOAL

By 2018 every elementary school will have a STEAM² lab so that students can apply their learning to problem-solving and get a head start on fields that are in high demand for college entrance as well as modern workforce employment. STEAM² labs will be in every early childhood school by 2019.

Learning Environments



The spaces students use for learning are almost as important as the educator leading their exploration. Throughout the district, Lakota Local Schools has made great strides to enhance security, upgrade technology and create classroom environments where students want to learn. Ensuring safe, yet inviting, spaces for students is all part of the exceptional educational value that Lakota Local Schools provides and the community expects. Pictured at left, Ridge Junior School students use a renovated classroom for 8th grade math classes as part of the more modern in-depth number sense math curriculum.

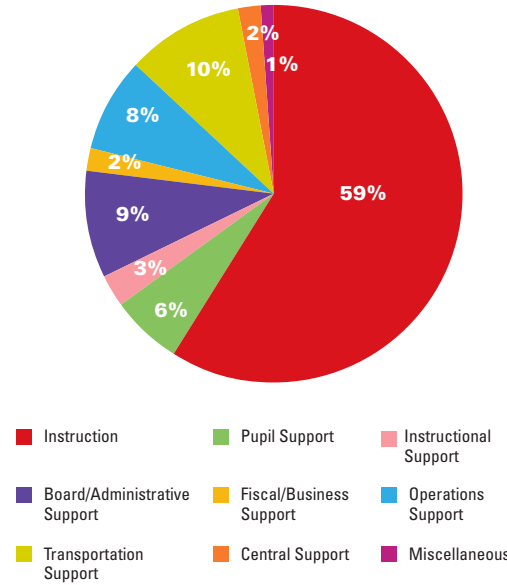
GOAL

Lakota Local Schools believes in collaborative learning spaces for students as well as a professional sharing tool for teachers. The district will continue to find creative ways to share what innovative classrooms look like and how they can work with teachers to replicate those environments across the district.

Finances

Lakota Local Schools offers residents a great value with an excellent quality education and taxes that are in line with regional and statewide comparison districts. The spending priorities are focused on staying within budget while also putting resources where it counts—the classroom. The district continues to look at the loss in state funding from Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax reimbursements and how this impacts the opportunities provided to students.

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES BY AREA FY 2016



GOAL

Lakota Local Schools will continue to share information with the community about the current status of the district's financial picture, the spending priorities of the district and any external factors that impact the overall stability of the district's finances.



During the past five years, 325 students have participated in the high school internship program with community partners.

Community partnerships are vital to Lakota Local Schools' success. The district can't provide as many real-world experiences to students without the help of our great local business partners. Lakota Local Schools intends to continue building these partnerships to an even more meaningful level so that students can take advantage of more internships and cooperative learning experiences.

GOAL

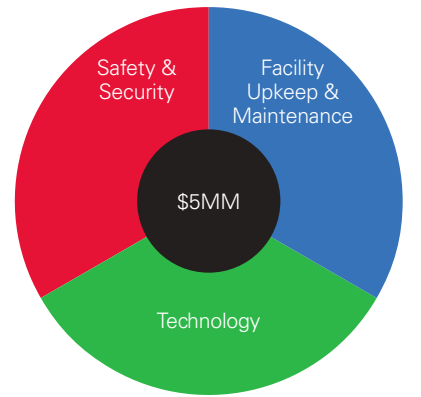
Continue to expand the internship opportunities for students through deeper connections with existing partners and identify new potential partners throughout the region.



Technology

In today's world, technology is no longer an extra. All areas of the global society are leveraging technology to increase engagement, provide opportunities for increased efficiency and support innovation. Lakota Local Schools has made it a priority to outfit our classrooms with instructional technology and devices to expand learning opportunities, stretching our Permanent Improvement (PI) funds to include the instructional technology while being efficient with the district's precious resources.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT (PI)



GOAL

Continued personalization of student learning opportunities through the support of technology resources and access facilitated by highly qualified and trained educators. Technology complements, not replaces, the excellent educators in schools.

Communications

Lakota Local Schools is committed to sharing factual and timely information with residents. This is why the district has increased its efforts with social media, mailed all residents a Financial Prospectus and is now sending out its first Quality Profile. Making sure taxpayers understand how their investment is being used and the kind of value they are getting in return is all part of being a good community partner.

Did You Know that the district is able to print and mail quality pieces to every household and business in the district for only 16 cents per address?



GOAL

Continue to expand the opportunities for community members to learn more about their schools including the use of social media, regular Coffee Chats with district leadership, monthly video updates, and regular communications delivered by mail to ensure every household has the information they need about Lakota Local Schools.