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• Implement a continuous improvement plan for high school athletics and activities departments that result in enhanced extracurricular experiences for students and families
• Implement a long term plan for STEM education that prepares students for success in a global economy
• Implement summer school recommendations that maximize the opportunities to advance student learning
• Develop and implement a high-quality online and blended learning experience to meet students’ diverse learning styles

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• Develop and implement rigorous K-12 science curriculum aligned to Next Generation Science Standards to achieve college and career readiness
• Implement effective program design for English Language Learners to ensure successful transition into general education
• Design and implement effective program design for Dual Language Learners to achieve college and career readiness
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• Implement a Multilevel System of Support (MLSS) for all students’ academic and behavioral development for college and career readiness

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• Develop and implement measures to evaluate students’ post-secondary achievement of the District 203 mission
• Ongoing implementation of a Diversity Action Plan to ensure equity in learning and attainment of college and career success

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• Develop and implement updated student activity fund guidelines that ensure all funds are spent for their intended purpose and comply with state law
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• Conduct a thorough analysis of how to best structure time in the school day and school year to maximize student learning and professional collaboration
• Submit recommendations for consideration of simplified fee structures that achieve equity and improve fiscal management
• Design and implement an effective student technology device strategy to maximize student learning

By June 30, 2020
• Demonstrate continued vigilance to ensure long-term financial stability for District 203

Commitments to Our Community

Strategic Focus

Design and implement effective practices that promote learning experiences for all

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Steward resources effectively to promote student learning

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• Implement a new model of job embedded professional learning to improve teacher efficacy and student learning
• Implement a comprehensive model of job embedded professional learning to improve administrator efficacy and support leadership development
• Implement a balanced assessment system to prepare staff and students for success with the next generation of assessments
• Implement tools for measuring and reporting student achievement and growth to effectively communicate student learning and progress to students, parents, and the community

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