

Naperville School District 203 Community Engagement Initiative

The vision of District 203 is to build a passion for lifelong learning - for all!

Dear District 203 Community Members:

Our Naperville school district is launching **an extensive community engagement initiative called** *Future Focus 203.* Through a series of discussion-based sessions, the community is being asked to provide input that will inform the immediate, intermediate and long-term direction of the school district.

We believe this initiative is so important that we have volunteered to serve as Community Co-chairs. While supported by the Board of Education, this program will be citizen-led and have extensive citizen participation. It is vitally important for all of us to attend and contribute. Only with diverse and informed voices can an effective plan for our District be developed.

Future Focus 203 will consist of a series of <u>five sessions</u> with different topics each month. The first two dates are **Tuesday, March 12, 8:30-10:30 AM**, and **Wednesday, March 13, 7:00-9:00PM**. Morning Sessions will be held in Fellowship Hall at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 W. Gartner Road. Evening Sessions will be held in the Large Cafeteria at Naperville Central High School, 440 W. Aurora Avenue.

At our first session in March, the current "**State of the District**" will be the focus. This is where you will begin to help shape the direction of the District. You will be asked to provide input regarding key issues you think need to be addressed in the subsequent engagement sessions. Those topics could include: finances, facilities, curriculum, achievement gaps, social-emotional learning, school climate, programs and services—*you* will help decide.

Each session will begin with a succinct presentation on the key topic area followed by small group work. All input will be gathered and posted on the District website. Community comments will continue to be gathered through a dedicated email address (<u>futurefocus@naperville203.org</u>) and on Facebook by "liking" the *Future Focus 203* page. A full calendar of dates is attached, as well as posted to the web site.

Please participate in this *Future Focus 203 en*gagement program. While not required for attendance, we request you register in order to help us facilitate this process in an effective and efficient manner. Please either call the RSVP line at 630-548-4342 or email your information to <u>futurefocus@naperville203.org</u>.

Everyone in the District 203 attendance area is invited to attend. This can be done by forwarding this email, "sharing" on Facebook, posting to a community web site or actually having a conversation! So, please help spread the word to others you think would be interested in participating in this community conversation about the opportunities and challenges facing our school district.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ruiz and Mark Trembacki Co-Chairpersons—*Future Focus 203*