



County of Jackson Strategic Planning Education Team

Date:	Time:	Next Meeting:
Sept. 16, 2010	8:00 a.m.	The next meeting will be held October 25, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

SETTING SPECIFIC, ATTAINABLE GOALS WITHIN THE STRATEGIC PLAN TIMEFRAME

- The Education Team has decided that the main objective is to promote education (specifically math) in Jackson County.
 - Exceed state averages for student test scores
 - Create a proficient workforce in order to attract employers
- Michigan Merit Exam is given to High School Juniors each Spring
 - Made up of different components based on language in current legislation
 - Measuring college readiness
 - Work Skills (Work Keys: Applied Math, Reading for Information, and Locating Information)
 - Aligns to all state standards
- When defining and measuring goals, student scores will need to be compared
 - Could do a year-to-year comparison to see how Jackson County scores change over multiple years
 - Are we trying to reach a status or show growth?
 - Showing growth requires tracking the same students over time, reaching a status goal does not.
 - There are three components that contribute to Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
 - How students perform on statewide assessments
 - 95% of students must be assessed
 - State graduation rate
 - Why compare ourselves to the state, when the state is a moving target?
 - Perhaps look at scores from the county level and keep track of how they compare to current state standards
 - Could use an and/or statement
 - Maybe show growth compared to county, but still compare to state
 - Example: County change over time versus state change over time
- PowerSchool Student Information Systems
 - Excellent system for obtaining and maintaining accurate student data
 - All area districts have moved to PowerSchool or are currently in the process of making that transition, with the exception of two districts which will be making the switch next year
 - Schools currently using the system are doing a good job taking advantage of the features

NEXT STEPS:

- Nail down language for goals
 - Tovah Sheldon will assist in picking the language
 - Specific numbers still need to be selected for goals

Tuesday, December 07, 2010