LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(PREPARING TODAY'S STUDENTS TO BE TOMORROW'S CITIZENS)

STRATEGIC PLAN



2018 - 2023

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the collaborative process of developing an organizational roadmap that is used to communicate established priorities, focus energy and resources, clarify intended outcomes and strengthen operations in a student-centered educational environment

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CORE BELIEFS

We, the LCS Stakeholders, believe:

- All students can learn
- Relationships, inclusion, and camaraderie are essential
- Education is the cornerstone to a happy, healthy and productive life
- We are all partners in the learning process
- Positive home/school/community partnerships are vital to student success
- Technology is a tool
- Change is necessary for growth to occur
- We must lead by example
- Success is as individual as the student

"We all share a common goal - we want our children to succeed."

~Bob Taft~

OUR MISSION

PREPARING TODAY'S STUDENTS TO BE TOMORROW'S CITIZENS



Board of Education

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The Board of Education will serve in partnership with all District Stakeholders (community, administration and staff) pledging to provide the oversight and resources necessary for the District's administration and staff to address the identified strategic issues, monitor progress and demonstrate the achievement of strategic goals as articulated within the Strategic Plan.

Colored Codes

Action Steps to be addressed—2019-2020

Action Steps--COMPLETED—2019-2020 Action Steps--COMPLETED--2018-2019

Each summer, District staff and administration will review the Strategic Plan and determine which Action Steps will be addressed during the upcoming school year.

This information will be shared as part of the Strategic Plan which will remain posted on the District's website.

Bi-monthly progress updates will be provided during regularly scheduled Board of Education Meetings throughout the year.

Target: **Teaching and Learning**Strategic Issue: **Academic Achievement**

Goal #1: Maintain or Increase student proficiency on state assessments

(level 2s to 3s; reaching mastery)

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Review assessment data	Administration, Teachers	Interim Assessments, State Assessments, Multiple measures	 1st & 2nd interim assessments for ELA and Math (3-8) given Data Chat 1st interim assessment (9-11) math; ELA 11- this month
Implement strategies for reading comprehension and targeted vocabulary (such as tier II words)	Teachers, Support Staff	Interim Assessments, State Assessments, Multiple Measures, Classroom Observations, Rubric/Checklist	Discussions and strategy sharing during grade level and curriculum meetings
Implement test taking strategies into the classes	Teachers, Support Staff	Interim Assessments, State Assessments, Multiple Measures, Classroom Observations, Rubric/Checklist	Discussions and strategy sharing during grade level and curriculum meetings
Complete a data analysis on students' writing skills-specifically cross-content essays	Administration, Teachers	Interim Assessments, State Assessments, Cognos Reports	Cognos Data Reports shared with ELA 3-8 & 11 (Social Studies Regents Examinations specific to essay writing)
Review of AIS Program and develop consistent procedures for AIS	Administration, Counselor, Psychologist, Teachers	Committee Developed, Updated Document, BOE Presented and Approved	 Completed 2018-19 Committee Developed/Updated and Approved Document
Address and analyze educational gaps for individual students *should be data-driven	Administration, Guidance Counselor, Psychologist, Teachers	Professional Learning Community Created to Identify and Close Gaps *data reviewed	
Implement a 2-3 day summer institute focused on instructional strategies and	Administration, Teachers	Summer Institute Offered to Staff	Summer 2020

practices to enhance performance and increase proficiency			
Provide opportunities to encourage literacy enrichment	Administration, Staff, Parents	"One book, one district", PARP, Reading Week, Author Visit, DEAR	Completed May 2019
Provide parent workshops on strategies to support students' learning	Administration, Teachers, Parents	Literacy Evenings, *Tied to Book Fair Seasons	Completed May 2019
Develop partnerships with community organizations to enhance literacy	Local Libraries, Teachers, Community Groups, Businesses	Elks Lodge Dictionary Donation, Field Trips to Libraries, etc. (add links to our website to local agencies, library, etc.)	Completed 2019

Target: Teaching and Learning

Strategic Issue: Academic Achievement

Goal #2: Investigate options and develop plan(s) for extended day/year programming

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Survey staff to determine perceived needs	PDP Committee	Collected information from survey	Completed Fall 2019
Prioritize survey results	PDP Committee	Prioritization completed and results shared with appropriate stakeholder groups	Completed Fall 2019
Investigate options for addressing specific achievement needs by grade level/subject or course	Administration, Grade Level Teams	Options shared with appropriate stakeholder groups	 CompletedOngoing K-5 benchmarks, interim assess., data chats; curriculum and grade level discussions; CPT; Failure lists generated every 5 weeks/Extra Support Posted Common Planning Time (T/TH) Principal meets every 5 weeks with failing students 6-12 Special P/T meetings for struggling students and/or chronic failures 6-12

Develop a planned approach for addressing specific achievement needs by grade level/subject or course and criteria for student participation	Administration, Grade Level Teams, LCSTA Representative	Share developed criteria with stakeholder groups	 Surveys developed and shared with staff Survey results discussed during 6-12 meetings
Identify financial requirements of extending the day/year, based on student data (multiple measures*).	Administration, Transportation Director, Business Official	Consider current spending plan and identify funding sources	Lack of Parental Commitment and Staff Availability
Implement Programming (Secure Staffing, Transportation, Materials, Equipment, Notify Parents of Eligible Students)	Administration, Staff, Transportation Director, Clerical Staff	Review Student Data, Monitor Student Progress (multiple measures*)	Lack of Parental Commitment and Staff Availability

^{*}Test scores, teacher referral, reading logs, survey results, progress reports, benchmarks, pre/post testing, etc.

Target: Teaching and Learning

Strategic Issue: Academic Achievement

Goal #3: Professional Development Committee annually identifies and prioritizes PD needs based on district, administrative and teacher professional goals to enhance student achievement

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Survey staff to determine perceived needs	PDP Committee	Collected information from survey	Completed—Staff Surveyed
Annual Goal Development	BOE, Superintendent	Submission of Published Goals	Completed—Goals Submitted
Identify Professional Development Priorities	PDP Committee	Priority List Developed and Shared	Completed—Priority List Developed and Shared by PDP Committee and during Opening Day Activities
Annual Goal Development	Administration, Teachers	Submission of Goals	Completed—Submission of Goals
Substitute Training	Administration, Staff, Substitutes	Substitute Staff Handbook	Gathering InformationPDP Committee InputNTO Data Tools

Target: Teaching and Learning Strategic Issue: Academic Rigor

Goal #1: Eligible secondary students will take at least one AP, College Preparation or College Credit Bearing or Developmental course before graduating from High School.

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Review data to determine current levels of participation in AP/College level course offerings	Director of Pupil Services, School Counseling Department	Participation Levels Identified and Reported	Completed/Ongoing
Explore options for coursework selections offered through NYS colleges & universities	Administration, Teachers, School Counseling Department	Course Description Bulletin updated as new offerings become available	Completed/Ongoing
Increase parental participation in course request, career planning meetings with guidance	School Counseling Department, Parents, Students	Increased attendance rates by parents at planning meetings	 Multiple contacts via email/snail mail to families Individual Meetings with Seniors Parents invited to participate in College planning discussions, SUNY Jefferson financial aid presentation Outreach to families regarding college applications, acceptances and review of financial aid packages offered beginning in January. Class of 2020 families—Senior year Planning Junior Appointments—Jan./Feb, with parents invited to attend

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Strategic Issue: Academic Rigor
Goal #2: Develop transparency and communicate grading procedures and practices

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement Measurement		Progress
Organize vertical alignment and departmental meetings (Grade Level Clusters & Departments)	Administration, Teachers	CPT Calendar-Meetings scheduled, held, & recorded	•	Completed—CPT Calendar- Meetings scheduled, held, recorded and shared
Brainstorm and sharing current grading practices at Elementary and Secondary Levels	Administration, Guidance Counselor, Teachers	Grading procedures and practices shared and recorded		Homework Committee has met Elementary, MS/HS Representatives will begin in January

Target: **Teaching and Learning** Strategic Issue: **Academic Rigor**

Goal #3: Identify, Increase and Implement STEAM (Science; Technology; Engineering; Arts; Mathematics) Related

Course/Extracurricular Offerings

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Survey students/parents/staff/ community members regarding areas of interest	Administration, Guidance Counselor	Survey Results	Course Offering Discussions with MS/HS staff, Administration and Guidance Counselor
Survey local/regional businesses regarding specific workforce needs	Administration, Guidance Counselor	Survey Results	Seniors attended Workforce 2020
Survey regional school districts to determine potential shared course offerings	Administration, Guidance Counselor	Survey Results	Completed—Meetings with Alex Bay, TI, LaFargeville, Belleville and Sackets held
Assess current technology infrastructure.	Administration, Technology Director	Annual Report to Superintendent	Completed—Submitted and approved by SED
Utilize technology to broaden learning opportunities.	Administration, Guidance Counselor, Technology Director, Teachers	Report of increased usage	Completed—ThT program Implemented; Wireless access equitability addressed; Smart TV and google training
Identify scheduling and staffing requirements of implementation	Administration, Guidance Counselor, LCSTA Representative	Presentation to Superintendent prior to approval of spending plan	Course Offering Discussions with MS/HS staff, Administration and Guidance Counselor
Identify financial requirements of implementation (staffing, materials, equipment, etc.)	Administration, Business Officer, LCSTA Representative, Technology Director	Presentation to finance committee prior to approval of spending plan	Discussions involving Administration and Business Department
Implement Course Offerings	Guidance Counselor, Teachers, BOE, LCSTA	Courses listed in Course Description Bulletin, Master Schedule Released	Completed—Current Year Offerings Published

Target: **Health and Wellness**Strategic Issue: **Social/Emotional Awareness**

Goal #1: Educate stakeholders regarding resources available to address the social-emotional needs of students.

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Organize a Health and Wellness Fair for District and Community Stakeholders	Health & Wellness Committee, Administration, Health Teachers, School Counselor., Parents, PIVOT, MFLC, Child Advocacy Center, Students	Advertise and Hold the Health and Wellness Fair, Satisfaction Survey	Completed—November 7, 2019
Invite local/regional agency representatives to District Functions (open house; p/t conference days; Supt. Conference Days, assemblies, small group sessions, etc.)	Health & Wellness Committee, Administration, PIVOT, MFLC, School Counselor	Invitations Extended to Local Partners	 Completed—November 7, 2019 Health Classes Fort Drum Presentation Cornell Cooperative Extension Dental Program Brian's Kids at Pep Rally JCC Financial Aid Night
Implement at least 3 informational sharing sessions for students/staff	School Nurse, PIVOT, MFLC, School Counselor, Health & P.E. Teachers, Students, Child Advocacy Center, Local Organizations	Informational Sessions Held, Satisfaction Survey	
Organize field trips for parents &/or students to at least 2 local/regional facilities that provide social/emotional well-being services	Credo, SMC, PIVOT, MFLC, Children's Home, River Hospital, Planned Parenthood, Hospice, Other Local Organizations	Visits to At Least 2 Area Facilities, Satisfaction Survey	
Develop at least 1 program(s) to provide social strategies for students of all	Administration, Teachers, Parents,	Program developed and implemented	PIVOT Services K-5Second Steps

backgrounds School Counselor, PIVOT, Psychologist	Student Council Pep RalliesHealth Classes with PIVOT Presentations
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Target: Health and Wellness
Strategic Issue: Physical Health Awareness
Goal #2: Educate stakeholders on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Complete a needs assessment survey regarding healthy living habits	Health & Wellness Committee, Health Teachers	Completed needs assessment survey	Addressed in Health Classes:Elementary, grades 8 & 10
Complete a needs assessment survey regarding substance abuse (gr. 8, 10, 12)	PIVOT	Completed needs assessment survey	
Organize a Health and Wellness Fair for District and Community Stakeholders	Health & Wellness Committee, Administration, Health Teachers, Guidance Dept., Parents, PIVOT, Students	Attendance at event, Satisfaction survey	Completed—November 2019
Invite local/regional agency representatives to District Functions (open house; p/t conference days; Supt. Conference Days,assemblies, small group sessions, etc.)	Health & Wellness Committee, Administration	At least two agencies participate throughout the course of the school year	Completed—November 2019
Initiate an annual "Get Active" Day	Health & Wellness Committee, Students	Attendance at event	
Participate in National Campaigns such as Jump Rope for Heart, President's Physical Fitness Test, etc.	P.E. Teachers	Certificate(s) of Completion,	Ongoing each year
Identify opportunities for participation in athletics or extracurricular activities; Update and expand the weight rm	Athletic Director, Sports Committee, P.E. Teachers, LCSTA	Participation based on sports rosters	 Completed—Open Gym 6-12 (2x) per week JV Softball

			 New Tournaments Clinics Offered, all grades Zumba, Yoga Weight Room Updated
Institute water safety program that includes First Aid, AED Training & CPR	Administration, Guidance Department, Teachers, Local Agencies	Program Implemented	 CPR/AED Training Offered to Staff Health Class Lessons and Swimming Lessons K-6
Investigate opportunities for updating/expanding weight room equipment and staffing	Administration, P.E. Teachers, Coaches, Business Office, Students, Varsity Club, Building & Grounds	Drawings and expenses shared with staff and Board of Education	Completed—May 2019
Review current playground equipment and opportunities for a physical fitness trail &/or ropes course type structures	Buildings & Grounds, Admin, Parents, Teachers, Students, Community Members	Convene Outdoor Health Committee	 Playground Vendors Contacted Site Visits Conducted Quotes Obtained Board Discussions Ongoing

Target: **Health and Wellness**Strategic Issue: **Climate and Culture of the District**Goal #3: **To foster an inclusive environment in which stakeholders demonstrate pride/confidence in the district**

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Convene a committee to create and conduct surveys to elicit feedback regarding school climate and culture and evaluate results	Staff, Administration, Parents, Students	Committee Created, Survey Completed	 IDEAL Committee Bi-Monthly Meetings Department Meetings Parent Meetings; Telephone Communications
Promote school spirit	Students, Staff, Administration, Parents, Community Members, PTSO, Booster Club, Alumni Association	Attendance at School Sponsored Activities, Participation in school spirit activities	 School Spirit/Holiday Activities Home Coming Activities Alumni Breakfast Bicentennial Float/Parade
Provide team-building activities for staff members	Staff, Administration	Hold minimum of 1 event per year, Satisfaction Survey/Feedback	 Team Building Activities each SCD's and during Pep Rally Activities
Promote stakeholder partnerships/volunteerism within the district	Administration, Staff, Parents, Community Members	Volunteer request form data, Sign-in data	
Improve transparency and communication amongst stakeholder groups	Administration, Staff, BOE, Parents, Community Members, Students	Track website usage, social media hits and comments, newsletter mailing list	Email, Facebook and School Messenger System Utilized to Communicate with Stakeholders

Target: Safe and Secure Learning Environment Strategic Issue: Infrastructure Security Procedures

Goal #1: Increase security measures to ensure safety of staff, students, and visitors.

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Meet with first responders and local agencies to evaluate current security conditions	Administration	Minutes from meeting	Completed~Walkthrus/ DiscussionsConducted
Review Emergency Response Procedures and update as needed	Administration, BOE, Staff	Faculty Meeting Held, BOE minutes	Completed—Submitted to SED
Notify students, staff, parents, community members of new procedures	Administration	Website and Social Media postings, letters sent home, elementary newsletters updated	Completed—Letter Home; Website posting and Facebook utilized
Provide community-wide crisis response training	Administration, Local Law Enforcement	Attendance at event	 Completed—Save a Life Assembly Scheduled for May, 2019 State Trooper K-9 Visits (2-3x per year) SSO Networking with regional SSOs and Police Department Stop the Bleed Training provided
Repurpose existing entryway to meet the recommendations of local law enforcement	Head of Maintenance	Construction completed, modification implemented, entryway manned	Completed—Welcome Center and new procedures implemented
Implement pilot plan for enhanced security measures and facility hardening	Administration, Building & Grounds, Staff, Students	Welcome booth operational for trial period	Completed—Welcome Center and new procedures implemented
Implement new security plans	Administration, Building & Grounds, Staff, Students, Parents, Visitors	Welcome booth operational	Completed—Welcome Center and new procedures implemented
Provide Active Shooter Training	Administration, Staff, Substitutes, BOE Members	Training Held, Satisfaction Survey	Completed September 3, 2019

Target: **Developing Citizens of Tomorrow**Strategic Issue: **Character Education**

Goal #1: Investigate, Develop and/or Implement K-12 Programs to Enhance Social Experiences and Acceptance for all Students

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress Monitoring
Continue focus on monthly Character Education topics	Character Ed Committee, Student Council, staff	Topic presented monthly by Student Council Members	Monthly Topics introduced, posted and integrated into lessons and activities
Schoolwide framework for character education GRIT	Administration, staff, students	Signs posted, participation in GRIT board shout-outs	Completed—Posted, and integrated into lessons monthly
Awards Assembly to promote citizenship, character	Administration, staff, parents, students	Attendance at events	 Elementary, Middle and HS Awards Fall Academic/Athletic Banquet
Hold pep rallies and social awareness Assemblies	Administration, staff, students, outside agencies	Participation in events	 Pep Rally Blue Out Anti Bullying Veterans Day Celebration Fort Drum Band
Promote Angel Tree, Toys for Tots, Shop with a Cop, support the local food pantry, relay for life, and other charitable organizations	Students, Staff, Administration, Parents, Community Members	Participation in events	 Relay for Life Angel Tree K-students Food Drive
Veterans Day, and Flag Day Celebrations Military Appreciation	Administration, Staff, Students, Parents, Community Members, Veterans	Attendance at events	Veterans Day Celebration

Target: Developing Citizens of Tomorrow
Strategic Issue: Multidisciplinary Opportunities
Goal #2: Increase the number of electives, extracurricular opportunities and/or clubs for students in grades 6-12

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress Monitoring
Create a parent/student/teacher interest survey to determine courses/extracurricular opportunities of interest	School Counselor, Student Council, Class Officers	Survey created	
Survey students/parents regarding areas of interest	School Counselor, Student Council, Class Officers	Survey Disseminated	
Create a list of priorities based on survey information	School Counselor	Priority list presented to administration	
Determine staffing and fiscal resources to develop/offer new courses/activities	Administration, Business Official, LCSTA Representative	Presentation to superintendent prior to approval of spending plan	
Identify number of new offerings to be supported by year	School Counselor, Administration, BOE, Business Official	Course Description Bulletin created, Master Schedule released, extracurricular opportunities advertised	 New Canvas Course Offerings/shared Robotics/Lego Club Musical New Varsity Club Activities Coaches VS Cancer

Target: **Developing Citizens of Tomorrow** Strategic Issue: **Community Partnerships**

Goal #1: Explore opportunities to develop internships, mentoring programs, etc. with local and/or regional partners

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress Monitoring
Organize meetings with local/regional businesses	Administration, Staff, BOE, local/regional businesses, student leadership groups	Meetings held and recorded	
Review internship models utilized in other organizations including JCC and BOCES	Administration, School Counselor, Staff, JCC Career Services	Models reviewed and options presented to Administration	
Review extended day mentoring options	Administration, Staff, BOE, School Counselor, LCSTA	Options for LCS identified and presented	
Develop a plan for addressing mentoring needs, annually	Administration, Staff, BOE, School Counselor, Community Members, Parents, Students	Plan developed. Plan monitored and updated annually	

Target: **Developing Citizens of Tomorrow** Strategic Issue: **Community Partnerships**

Goal #2: Increase Collaboration with Local/Regional Businesses, Higher Education Institutions, Community Organizations, and Fort Drum

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Organize meetings with local/regional businesses	Administration, Staff, BOE, local/regional businesses, student leadership groups	Meetings held and recorded	
Invite guests and guest speakers to school events	Administration, Staff, student leadership groups	Events advertised and attended	 Looking into Alumni Career Share Day(s) Potential Guest Speaker for Graduation (Alum) Copely House; Local Business to Halloween Celebration
Collaborate on joint ventures such as town bicentennial, sports activities, etc.	Administration, Staff, student leadership groups	Meetings held and recorded, events attended	 Bicentennial Floats Tri-Board Meeting Hosts Attendance at Town Meetings as deemed appropriate
Attendance at Lyme Youth Committee meetings	Administration, BOE Member	Meetings attended and recorded	Last Tuesday of Each Month as possible
Tri-Board Meetings with school, Town of Lyme and Village of Chaumont	Administration, BOE, Town of Lyme Board, Village Board, Community Members	Meetings attended and recorded	Host Meetings at LCS typically 2-3 per year
Organize field trips to community partners	Admin, Transportation, Teachers, Community Partners	Field trips scheduled and carried out	Attendance at JCC Manufacturing Day Attendance at Lyric Theater Production

Target: Fiscal Responsibility

Strategic Issue: Maintain and sustain the district's financial stability

Goal #1: Develop an annual budget that supports the district goals and needs

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Present budget for the following school year	Administration, Business Official	Presentation of Proposed Spending Plan	Ongoing Annually
Vote on proposed budget	Community Members	Budget Vote Held	Ongoing Annually
Research alternative funding options to support district initiatives	Administration, Teachers, Stakeholders	Applications Filed; Contacts Made to Appropriate Agencies, etc.	Ongoing Annually

Target: **Building and Grounds**

Strategic Issue: Maximizing Operational Space

Goal #1: Ensure efficient use of available space in the district

Action Steps	Responsibility	Measurement	Progress
Conduct a building condition survey	Architects	Completed Building Condition Survey	Visual inspection due 2020
Review building condition survey results	Building & Grounds Committee, Administration	Architect Presentation, BOE Minutes	
Prioritize and communicate needs for building & grounds improvements	BOE, Administration	Final recommended changes presented in public forum	
Develop a plan for repurposing underutilized spaces	Administration, Building & Grounds Committee, BOCES Health & Safety Dept. (as needed)	Published plan	
Determine the fiscal resources needed to repurpose or create new spaces	Administration, Business Official, Finance Committee	Presentation of Budget Recommendations	
Implement changes	Administration, Staff	Satisfaction Survey	