## HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BLUEPRINT FOR EXCELLENCE

**STRATEGIC PLAN** 

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Dear Members of the Huntington Union Free School District Community,

It has never been more important to be focused, aligned and intentional in our work. We are very excited to share the results of our collaborative efforts to develop plans that will help us to continue growing and improving as we always strive for excellence.

Our "Blueprint for Excellence" is the result of planning sessions that were held with our Board of Education, Leadership Team, staff, parents, and community members. We worked with feedback gathered from the community this fall as we developed a plan that will help us continue to grow and achieve as we strive for excellence in all that we do.

This updated strategic plan will be the backbone for our work. It will serve as a roadmap in our efforts to connect with each child and family while enhancing our connections as a school and a community. We're in this together and look forward to being your teammate in our continued effort to be a model school district of excellence.

Thank you for your feedback and support. Your collaboration and teamwork make all the difference in the lives of children and the success of the district.

Sincerely,

Beth McCoy Superintendent of Schools

Xavier Palacios President, Board of Education

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#### PROCESS INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

#### Blueprint Planning is intended to:

- Involve all members of the school community and reflect their shared perspectives.
- Allow stakeholder representatives to review community feedback to clearly define the district's mission, vision and core values.
- Engage a team in defining the priorities of the district and suggesting action steps to accomplish objectives.
- Facilitate action planning focused on identifying who, when and how the work will get done.
- Provide the district with a road map that is transparent, accountable, and focused.
- Enable the district's efforts to innovate, allocate resources and continuously grow in a coordinated, thoughtful, and aligned manner.
- Be an iterative, evolving, and ongoing process that builds from one year to the next while reflecting emerging needs and changing demands.

#### February/March 2025: Revisions November 2024: Community team October 2024: assembled, mission/vision/core and review completed by the Community values reviewed, priority areas Leadership Team. feedback gathered. developed, strategies suggested. Communication to the community and implementation of the plan with stakeholders. November 2024: Draft December 2024/January 2025: Action mission/vision/core values plans developed that specifically identify developed by the Board of what will be done to meet the objectives of Education and Leadership Team. each priority area and who will be responsible for leading the work.

#### WHO WE ARE

Our shared core purpose, aspirations and expectations are clear:

#### **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to nurture the whole child academically, socially and emotionally by providing all students with meaningful opportunities and experiences within a caring environment, empowering them to become compassionate and productive members of their community.

#### **OUR VISION**

Empathy, Excellence, and High Expectations move us forward as a united community. Together, we learn, grow, and thrive, celebrating achievements and inspiring one another to reach new heights. Together, WE succeed.

#### **OUR CORE VALUES**

We believe that we can achieve our vision and accomplish our mission if, in all of our work, we will strive to uphold the following core values:

- Excellence and High Expectations: Championing a culture of achievement by setting ambitious academic and personal standards. Empowering students to excel through critical thinking, problem-solving, and a dedication to lifelong learning.
- **Children First:** Supporting academic, social, emotional, and physical well-being for balanced and holistic growth. Prioritizing the needs, interests, and well-being of students in every decision, policy, and action taken within the school system.
- **Collaboration and Transparency:** Strengthening relationships through open communication, trust, and shared responsibility. Working together as a united community to achieve common goals.
- **Compassion and Empathy:** Cultivating a caring and supportive community by demonstrating kindness, understanding, and a commitment to meeting the needs of others.
- Equity and Inclusivity: Ensuring fairness, embracing diversity, and creating an environment where every individual feels valued, respected and empowered to succeed.
- **Integrity and Respect:** Leading with honesty, fairness, and accountability. Encouraging open-mindedness and fostering respectful dialogue to build trust and understanding.

#### **OUR DISTRICT**

The Huntington Union Free School District, located in Huntington, NY, is a diverse and dynamic educational community committed to academic excellence and holistic student development. Serving students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, the district is known for its rigorous academic programs, innovative extracurricular opportunities, and strong emphasis on inclusivity and cultural awareness. With dedicated educators and supportive families, Huntington fosters a collaborative environment where students are encouraged to reach their fullest potential. Its focus on the arts, athletics, and STEM education ensures that students are well-prepared for future success in a global society.

#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

The community surrounding the Huntington Union Free School District in Huntington, NY, is a vibrant and culturally rich area known for its diversity and strong sense of pride. Located on Long Island's North Shore, it offers a blend of suburban charm and urban amenities, with a variety of restaurants, shops, and cultural attractions. The area is home to a tight-knit and supportive population that values education, the arts, and community engagement. Its proximity to Huntington Village and local parks adds to the appeal, providing residents with opportunities for recreation, entertainment, and a high quality of life.

#### OUR LEADERSHIP

#### **Board of Education**

Xavier Palacios, President Michele Kustera, Vice President Kelly Donovan, Trustee Bill Dwyer, Trustee Tom Galvin, Trustee Annie Michaelian, Trustee Theresa Sullivan, Trustee

#### Administration

Beth McCov. Superintendent of Schools Christopher Hender, Deputy Superintendent Brenden Cusack, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Rubie Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Management Services Cindy Siegel, Principal, Flower Hill Primary School Valerie Capitulo-Saide, Principal, Jefferson Primary School Jill Amott-Erwig, Principal, Southdown Primary School Dr. Michelle Richards, Principal, Washington Primary School Donna Moro, Principal, Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School Stephanie Campbell, Principal, Woodhull Intermediate School Traci Roethel, Principal, J. Taylor Finley Middle School Rochelle Brown, Principal, Huntington High School Ken Parham, Assistant Principal, J. Taylor Finley Middle School Patricia Avelli, Assistant Principal, Huntington High School Gamal Smith, Assistant Principal, Huntington High School Dr. Teresa Grossane, Director of Math and Computer Science, K-12 Jim Hoops, Director of PE, Health and Athletics, K-12 Joe Leavy, Chairperson, Humanities, 7-12 Kevene Lowrie, Chairperson, Science, K-12 Judy Moroff, Director of ENL, WL, and DL, K-12 Kim Musial, Director of Fine and Performing Arts, K-12 Dr. Ricky Papandrea, Director of School Counseling and Testing, K-12 Marybeth Robinette, CIO and Instructional Technology Jarrett Stein, Director of Safety and Security Diana Rich, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services Nicole Silva, Chairperson, Special Education, CPSE, 4 Jeannette Richardson, Chairperson, Special Education, K-6 Janine Delgado, Chairperson, Special Education, 7-12

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#### **OUR PLAN**

The Huntington Union Free School District's Blueprint for Excellence is a visionary framework designed to nurture the whole child academically, socially, and emotionally. Grounded in its mission to provide meaningful opportunities within a caring environment, the district seeks to empower students to become compassionate and productive members of their community. The vision emphasizes Empathy, Excellence and High Expectations, fostering a united community where achievements are celebrated, and individuals are inspired to reach new heights together. This shared commitment underpins the district's philosophy that "Together, we succeed," ensuring that the entire community thrives through collaboration and mutual growth.

The district's core values guide its actions and decisions. These include a steadfast focus on Excellence and High Expectations, championing a culture of achievement and lifelong learning through critical thinking and problem-solving. The district prioritizes Children First, supporting students' academic, social, emotional, and physical well-being to ensure balanced growth. Equity and inclusivity are at the forefront, fostering fairness and respect while creating an environment where everyone feels valued and empowered. With Integrity and Respect and a commitment to Compassion and Empathy, the district cultivates a supportive, transparent, and collaborative community where trust and understanding thrive.

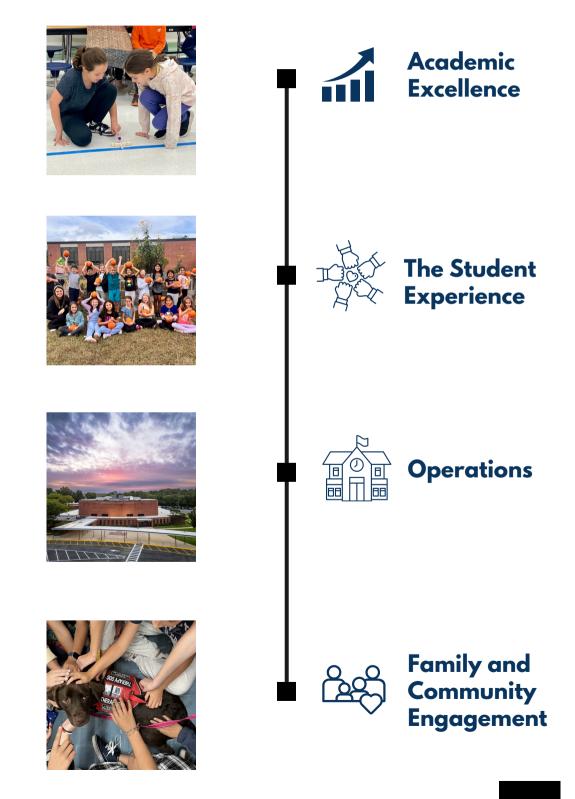


The district's priorities and goals align with this mission and vision, focusing on four key areas. The Academic Excellence priority aims to equip students with foundational and advanced skills needed for success in postsecondary education and the workforce. Under The Student Experience, the district is committed to ensuring equitable access and enriching opportunities tailored to students' diverse developmental needs. Operations focuses on safety, security, and equitable resource allocation, ensuring a supportive environment for students and staff. Finally, Family and Community Engagement emphasizes meaningful partnerships with families, fostering their involvement from early childhood through high school.

Together, these elements create a comprehensive blueprint for fostering a thriving educational ecosystem. The district's mission, vision, core values, and priorities reflect its dedication to empowering students, fostering collaboration, and creating an inclusive and dynamic community. By staying true to its commitments, the Huntington Union Free School District ensures that every child has the opportunity to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally in a supportive and caring environment.

#### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Based on community feedback and initial planning by the Board of Education and Leadership Team, the following areas were identified as priorities to be focused on in order to fulfill the mission of the district. Goals have been developed for each area.





#### **PRIORITY AREA GOALS**

| Academic<br>Excellence                | <b>Goal:</b> We will empower all students with the foundational and advanced skills, confidence, and adaptability needed to thrive in the evolving demands of post-secondary education and the modern workforce.                          |
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| Student and<br>Family<br>Experience   | <b>Goal:</b> We will ensure equity, access, and enrichment opportunities for all students through developmentally appropriate practices that meet their diverse needs and foster growth.  |
| Operations                            | <b>Goal:</b> We will enhance and ensure the safety, security,<br>quality of food services, and equitable resource<br>allocation across the district, fostering a supportive and<br>well-resourced environment for all students and staff. |
| Family and<br>Community<br>Engagement | <b>Goal</b> : We will actively engage and empower ALL<br>families as partners in their child's educational journey,<br>fostering meaningful involvement and inclusion from<br>early childhood through grade 12.                           |

#### **Priority Area: Academic Excellence**

Goal: We will empower all students with the foundational and advanced skills, confidence, and adaptability needed to thrive in the evolving demands of post-secondary education and the modern workforce.

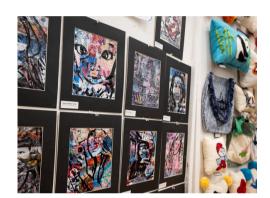
| Action Steps:  | Person/People<br>Responsible  | Timeframe |
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| Rigor and Programs   |   |           |
| Increase transparency for parents regarding the<br>content of coursework and lesson development<br>process through communications via ParentSquare and<br>use of Atlas Rubicon.  | Asst. Supt. for C&I,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals, Teachers   | Ongoing   |
| Continue to conduct regular evaluations and focus<br>walks to ensure existing programs are implemented<br>with fidelity. Periodic follow up at department and<br>building levels through regular meeting agenda items to<br>discuss ongoing implementation measures and<br>scheduling. | Central Office<br>Administrators,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals  | Ongoing   |
| Ongoing focus on evidence based strategies to enhance<br>foundational skills, such as handwriting and accelerate<br>language development. Continuous review of curricular<br>programs and their alignment to NYS Learning<br>Standards.  |   |           |
| Provide ongoing, targeted PD opportunities focused on quality teaching methodologies for all teachers, including new hires.  | Asst. Supt. for C&I,<br>Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors, Instructional<br>Coaches, Tech Mentors,<br>New Teacher Mentors | Ongoing   |
| Continued use of staff surveys to determine areas of need.   |   |           |
| Ongoing collaboration with Instructional Coaches.  |   |           |
| Increased focus on best practices for working with ELLs.   |   |           |
| Provide targeted professional development on effective technology integration in teaching and learning.  |   |           |

| Explore the promotion of interdisciplinary project planning that integrates higher-order critical thinking skills, reading and writing across disciplines.  | Library Media Specialists,<br>Teacher Teams,<br>Departmental Supervisors  | Beginning Fall<br>2025 - ongoing |
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| Skill Development   |   |                                  |
| Explore development of leadership courses/programs<br>that focus on communication, decision-making, and<br>team-building skills. Continuation/expansion of current<br>leadership programs, integrated with PBIS initiatives<br>and connections to advisory. | Teachers, Subject Matter<br>Council, Educational<br>Development Committee,<br>Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors                                       | Ongoing                          |
| Create activities and projects that allow students to<br>apply their learning in practical, real-world situations<br>and environments.  | Central Office<br>Administrators,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals  | Ongoing                          |
| Foster partnerships with local businesses and<br>organizations to create internships for skill-building<br>and real-world experiences. Collaborate with<br>community experts to implement push-in programs<br>teaching hands-on, real-world skills.         | Committee to be<br>Determined, HHS<br>Internship Advisors   | Fall 2025                        |
| Conduct research on how to implement learning<br>modules that empower students to develop<br>independent skills and earn microcredentials and/or<br>endorsements seals.   | Central Office<br>Administrators,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals  | Spring 2026                      |
| Effective Use of Technology   |   |                                  |
| Provide targeted professional development on effective technology integration in teaching and learning.   | Asst. Supt. for C&I,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals, Technology<br>Mentors  | Ongoing                          |
| Review research related to balancing technology use, pen-and-paper tasks, and human connections.  | Central Office<br>Administrators,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals  | Ongoing                          |
| Continue to implement appropriate applications of AI<br>in schools for teaching, learning, operations, and<br>explore new innovations in technology.  | Central Office<br>Administrators,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals, Technology<br>Supervisor, Technology<br>Mentors, Library Media<br>Specialists | Ongoing                          |

| Create opportunities for students to make informed choices about technology use in their learning.                                   | Library Media Specialists,<br>Technology Supervisor,<br>Technology Mentors                         | Ongoing   |
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| Continue to monitor student technology use through various applications to provide online oversight of district devices.             | Library Media Specialists,<br>Technology Supervisor,<br>Technology Mentors                         | Ongoing   |
| Enhance our vertically aligned framework for<br>technology use, digital citizenship and digital literacy<br>across all grade levels. | Asst. Supt. for C&I, Library<br>Media Specialists,<br>Technology Supervisor,<br>Technology Mentors | Fall 2025 |











#### **Priority Area: The Student Experience**

Goal: We will ensure equity, access, and enrichment opportunities for all students through developmentally appropriate practices that meet their diverse needs and foster growth.

| Action Steps:  | Person/People<br>Responsible   | Timeframe |
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| Activities and Opportunities   |  |           |
| Research the possibility of providing after-school busing for activities and programs.   | Deputy Supt., Asst. Supt.<br>for Finance and Mgmt.   | Fall 2025 |
| Continue to review and research a diverse range of<br>after-school activities to meet student interests and<br>needs.<br>Research and consider clubs and enrichment activities<br>for primary-level students to foster early engagement. | Asst. Supt. for C&I, Asst.<br>Supt. for Finance and<br>Mgmt., Departmental<br>Supervisors, Principals,<br>Teachers, Students     | Ongoing   |
| Seek grants and community sponsorships to fund reduced cost/free field trip opportunities for all students.  | Asst. Supt. for C&I,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Teachers  | Ongoing   |
| Research upgrades to ensure performing arts spaces<br>are inclusive and equitable.   | Director of Fine and<br>Performing Arts, Director<br>of Facilities, Building<br>Principals, Asst. Supt. for<br>Finance and Mgmt. | Ongoing   |
| Research and build partnerships with local<br>organizations to enhance student learning and<br>extracurricular opportunities.  | Asst. Supt. for C&I,<br>Building Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Teachers  | Ongoing   |
| Actively pursue grants to fund programs, activities, and facilities improvements.  | Central Office<br>Administrators,<br>Departmental<br>Supervisors,Teachers  | Ongoing   |

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| Mental Health Supports  |  |             |
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| Provide education on the impact of social media on mental health and responsible use strategies.                                | Library Media Specialists,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals, Central Office<br>Administrators            | Ongoing     |
| Explore budget implications to consider expansion of student support staff and/or resources.                                    | Deputy Supt., Asst. Supt.<br>for Finance and Mgmt.,<br>Director of Special<br>Education                            | Ongoing     |
| Establish a mentorship program connecting older<br>students with younger peers for guidance and support.                        | Asst. Supt. for C&I,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals, Director of<br>Special Education, Deputy<br>Supt. | Fall 2026   |
| Review opportunities to Implement yoga and<br>mindfulness practices district-wide to promote<br>emotional regulation and focus. | Asst. Supt. for C&I,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals, Director of<br>Special Education,<br>Teachers     | Ongoing     |
| Consider opportunities to expand therapy dog and art/music therapy programs to support student and staff well-being.            | Asst. Supt. for Finance and<br>Mgmt., Deputy Supt.,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals                     | Fall 2025   |
| Partner with universities to offer clinical social work internships within the district.  | Director of Special<br>Education, Central Office<br>Administrators   | Spring 2026 |
| Research a therapeutic program for grades 7-12 and consider partnering with outside organizations.                              | Asst. Supt. for Finance and<br>Mgmt., Asst. Supt. for C&I,<br>Director of Special<br>Education, Deputy Supt.       | Fall 2026   |
| Research grant funding to establish a satellite mental health clinic within the district.                                       | Asst. Supt. for Finance and<br>Mgmt., Director of Special<br>Education, Deputy Supt.                               | Fall 2026   |
| Develop district-wide campaigns and programs to normalize conversations about mental health.                                    | Building Principals, Central<br>Office Administrators,<br>Director of Special<br>Education                         | Fall 2027   |

#### **Priority Area: Operations**

Goal: We will enhance and ensure the safety, security, quality of food services, and equitable resource allocation across the district, fostering a supportive and well-resourced environment for all students and staff.

| Person/People<br>Responsible:  | Timeframe:  |
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| Director of Safety and<br>Security, Asst. Supt. for<br>Finance and Mgmt.,<br>Huntington High School<br>Admin. Team | Ongoing   |
| Building Principals, Asst.<br>Principals and Deans   | Ongoing   |
| District Administrators,<br>Building Administrators,<br>Director of Safety and<br>Security                         | Ongoing   |
| School Resource Officers,<br>Director of Safety and<br>Security, Building<br>Administration                        | Ongoing   |
| Central Office<br>Administrators, HS<br>Principal, Director of<br>Facilities, Director of<br>Safety and Security   | 2025-2026<br>School Year  |
| Director of Safety and<br>Security, Asst. Supt. for<br>Finance and Mgmt.   | 2025 - ongoing  |
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| Deputy Supt., Registration<br>Office, Primary School<br>Principals, School Lunch<br>Manager, Neighborhood<br>Aides | Ongoing   |
|  | <ul> <li>Finance and Mgmt.,<br/>Huntington High School<br/>Admin. Team</li> <li>Building Principals, Asst.<br/>Principals and Deans</li> <li>District Administrators,<br/>Building Administrators,<br/>Director of Safety and<br/>Security</li> <li>School Resource Officers,<br/>Director of Safety and<br/>Security, Building<br/>Administration</li> <li>Central Office<br/>Administrators, HS<br/>Principal, Director of<br/>Facilities, Director of<br/>Safety and Security</li> <li>Director of Safety and<br/>Security, Asst. Supt. for<br/>Finance and Mgmt.</li> <li>Deputy Supt., Registration<br/>Office, Primary School<br/>Principals, School Lunch<br/>Manager, Neighborhood</li> </ul> |

| Develop a phased plan to review sugary food choices<br>and ensure compliance with USDA updates over three<br>years. Research the use of specific ingredients to align<br>with health and wellness goals. | Whitson's, School Lunch<br>Manager, Asst. School<br>Lunch Manager, Asst. Supt.<br>for Finance and Mgmt.                       | 2025-2028      |
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| Review the structure, purpose, and membership of the wellness committee and improve it as needed.  | Director of PE, Health and<br>Athletics, Asst. Supt. for<br>Finance and Mgmt.   | 2025 - ongoing |
| Consider highlighting menu food options in the<br>Principal's weekly communication to families.  | Building Principals, School<br>Lunch Manager, Asst.<br>School Lunch Manager   | 2025 - ongoing |
| Create website, Facebook and Instagram stories and<br>articles to share updates and menu offerings for<br>Huntington's food options.   | Public Information Officer,<br>School Lunch Manager,<br>Asst. Supt. for Finance and<br>Mgmt.                                  | 2025 - ongoing |
| Expand menu options to include more culturally diverse dishes.   | Whitson's, Asst. Supt. for<br>Finance and Mgmt., School<br>Lunch Manager  | 2025 - ongoing |
| Schedule a guest chef to visit each school quarterly to introduce new culinary experiences.  | School Lunch Manager,<br>Asst. Supt. for Finance and<br>Mgmt.   | 2025 - ongoing |
| Resource Allocation/Class Size   |   |                |
| Research costs to support the hiring of additional teachers and support staff to reduce class sizes and provide targeted student support.  | Deputy Supt., Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors   | 2025 - ongoing |
| Publish quarterly newsletters to highlight new hires, school activities, food services, and security updates.  | Central Office<br>Administration, Food<br>Service Manager, Director<br>of Safety and Security,<br>Public Information Officers | 2025 - ongoing |
| Continue to utilize the ParentSquare platform to share and update calendar events for each building.   | Departmental Supervisors,<br>Principals   | Ongoing        |
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#### **Priority Area: Family and Community Engagement**

Goal: We will actively engage and empower ALL families as partners in their child's educational journey, fostering meaningful involvement and inclusion from early childhood through grade 12.

| Action Steps:  | Person/People<br>Responsible:  | Timeframe:  |
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| Parent Involvement   |  |   |
| Continue to offer English language classes through<br>Adult Education programs and other community<br>resources.   | HUFSD Director of Adult<br>Education, Community<br>Partners such as the Public<br>Library and religious<br>organizations.  | Ongoing   |
| Continue to leverage neighborhood aides in each<br>building to strengthen communication and connections<br>with families.  | Principals, Asst. Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Neighborhood Aides, and<br>Asst. Supt. for C&I   | Ongoing   |
| Continue to conduct surveys in various languages to identify family needs and interests at building and district level.  | Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors, Asst. Supt. for<br>C&I  | Ongoing   |
| Maintain parent liaison roles for newcomers in each<br>building to provide support and guidance to families.<br>Maintain and consider expanding neighborhood aide<br>roles to provide support and guidance to families,<br>including home visits, if feasible. | Social Workers,<br>Psychologists,<br>Neighborhood Aides,<br>Parent Liaisons, Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Asst. Supt. for Finance and<br>Mgmt. and Director of WL,<br>ENL, and DL | Ongoing   |
| Continue to engage families through ParentSquare.<br>Work with PTA to discuss ways to engage preschool<br>families.<br>Consider having Neighborhood Aides support pre-k  | HUFSD Preschool<br>Coordinator, PTA Council,<br>Neighborhood Aides and<br>Central Office<br>Administration   | Spring 2025 UPK<br>Registration<br>Summer 2025<br>Fall & Winter |
| parents in enrolling in eSchool Parent Portal and<br>ParentSquare.   |  | 2025 'Get<br>Connected'<br>workshops                            |

| Organize high school clubs and sports teams to provide<br>activities for children during parent events at all<br>buildings.                           | Seal of Civic Readiness<br>Advisors, HS Clubs and<br>Leadership Organizations,<br>Principals, Asst. Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors                | Summer & Fall<br>2025 |
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| Continue to provide workshops specifically for<br>newcomer parents to help them navigate the school<br>system.  | Parent Liaisons, Principals,<br>Director of ENL, DL and WL   | Ongoing               |
| Explore opportunities to pair new parents with experienced families to provide guidance and build connections at all buildings.                       | Principals, Asst. Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>PTA  | Ongoing               |
| Explore opportunities to create programs and resources to assist families who struggle with literacy.   | HUFSD Director of Adult<br>Education, Community<br>Partners such as the Public<br>Library and religious<br>organizations.                                  | Ongoing               |
| Consider scheduling monthly sessions where Dual<br>Language teachers provide parents with updates and<br>instruction about school activities.         | Dual Language<br>Coordinator, Director of<br>ENL, DL and WL  | Ongoing               |
| Consider including tables from community<br>organizations during K-6 Meet the Teacher and other<br>events.  | Principals, Asst. Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>PTA  | Ongoing               |
| Consider ways to offer food, transportation, and<br>childcare during parent events to increase attendance<br>and accessibility.                       | HS Clubs, Leadership<br>Organizations, Principals,<br>Asst. Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors,<br>Asst. Supt. for Finance and<br>Mgmt., Deputy Supt. | Summer & Fall<br>2025 |
| Ensure all parents are registered and actively using the eSchool Parent Portal, through events such as the 'Get Connected Workshops'.                 | Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors, Neighborhood<br>Aides   | Fall & Winter<br>2025 |
| Explore career fairs in buildings who currently do not<br>offer them and consider inviting parents to participate<br>alongside students, if feasible. | Principals, Asst. Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors  | Winter 2025           |

| Communication  |   |                       |
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| Conduct visits to religious organizations and community centers to enhance outreach and engagement efforts.  | Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors, Central Office<br>Administrators   | Spring 2025           |
| Consider sending flyers, newsletters and pertinent<br>school related information to local community centers<br>and religious organizations via email or encourage their<br>participation on our website and social media<br>platforms. | Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors, Central Office<br>Administrators   | Spring 2025           |
| Continue to use translation services at events to<br>ensure accessibility for speakers of languages other<br>than English.   | Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors   | Spring 2025           |
| Consider consolidating and optimizing communication tools to ensure consistent messaging across platforms.   | Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors, Central Office<br>Administrators   | Summer 2025           |
| Recruit and schedule student translators in advance to support communication at building and community events.   | Seal of Civic Readiness<br>Advisors, HS Clubs and<br>Leadership Organizations,<br>Principals, Asst. Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors | Summer & Fall<br>2025 |
| Consider appointing a parent helper for each athletic<br>team or club to organize a buddy system for family<br>support.  | Club Supervisors,<br>Coaches, Principals,<br>Athletic Director  | Fall 2025             |
| Designate point persons at local community centers<br>and religious organizations to share district and event<br>information.  | Neighborhood Aides, Asst.<br>Supt. for C&I  | Fall 2025             |



| Transportation   |   |             |
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| Continue to advocate as a District and BOE for an opt-<br>out system for parents who choose not to utilize school<br>transportation.                           | Board of Education,<br>Central Office<br>Administrators           | Ongoing     |
| Review costs of removing distance restrictions to<br>consider providing transportation for all students<br>regardless of residence. Would need voter approval. | Deputy Supt., Asst. Supt.<br>for Finance and Mgmt.                | Spring 2025 |
| Research and review the costs of scheduling daily late<br>buses to accommodate all students participating in<br>after-school activities.                       | Deputy Supt., Asst. Supt.<br>for Finance and Mgmt.                | Spring 2025 |
| Research and review the costs of providing dedicated<br>buses for the few sports teams that currently do not<br>have transportation for practices.             | Director of PE, Health and<br>Athletics, Deputy Supt.             | Ongoing     |
| Install GPS tracking on all buses and pre-schedule routes to enhance efficiency and communication.   | Deputy Supt., Asst. Supt.<br>for Finance and Mgmt.                | Spring 2025 |
| Consider planning events at centrally located STEM buildings to ensure accessibility for all families.   | Principals, Asst. Principals,<br>Departmental Supervisors         | Summer 2025 |
| Establish a buddy system to connect families.  | PTA, Principals, Asst.<br>Principals, Departmental<br>Supervisors | Fall 2025   |



#### **OUR NEXT STEPS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

| Timeframe                            | Activity  | Who   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| February-June, 2025                  | 1. Blueprint Plan Presented to the<br>Community and Adopted by the<br>BOE.    | Superintendent, BOE,<br>Principals                                  |
|                                      | 2. Blueprint Plan "unpacked" and shared with the faculty and staff.           |   |
|                                      | 3. Blueprint Plan unpacked with smaller groups.                               |   |
| Beginning, Middle and<br>End of Year | Blueprint Updates provided to the BOE, Community and Staff                    | Superintendent &<br>Administrators                                  |
| February/March, 2025<br>and 2026     | Blueprint Budget<br>Recommendations Made<br>Blueprint Expenditures Finalized  | Superintendent &<br>Administrators                                  |
| June 2026                            | Final Report Blueprint Updates<br>provided to the BOE, Community<br>and Staff | Superintendent &<br>Administrators                                  |
| August 2026                          | Blueprint Plan update for 26-27   | BOE, Superintendent,<br>Administrators and Staff                    |
| Spring 2027                          | Blueprint Refresh Conducted   | BOE, Superintendent,<br>Administrators, Staff,<br>Community Members |

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