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### Special Education Committee Update

Dear District 41 Community,

I am writing to share an update on the Special Education Strategic Plan Committee. This Board committee includes educators, parents and administrators from across the district as well as one Board member. The first meeting was held last night and I am excited to share our progress.

The committee came to consensus on keeping the District 41 Vision and Mission as the foundation for our work. In addition, the group also came to consensus on a purpose of the strategic plan:

The purpose of the work through the Special Education Strategic Plan is to empower diverse learners to advance their academic, social and emotional success in school and in the world. To partner with families to design and implement services that ensure students reach their maximum potential in a supportive and inclusive school community.

The group also discussed inclusion and what it means for our district. The committee began to define the principles of inclusion for District 41. There was consensus on the principles drafted and we agreed to continue refining the language. The complete agenda can be found [here](#).

The next meeting of the committee is Wednesday, November 29.

I am excited about where we are going and I look forward to continuing to get to know the District 41 community even better as we work together for all students.

Sincerely,  
Laurel O'Brien  
Director of Student Services

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