

# CLOSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## **District Goals**

- 1) *Expanding Student Advocacy*: By May 2025, develop and implement a tiered system of advocacy skills, allowing students to progress and gain more advanced competencies (which may include resilience, self-confidence, social responsibility), and organize a school-wide self-advocacy event to showcase students' projects and initiatives.
- 2) *Addressing Student Experience*: By May 2025, engage stakeholders to collaboratively develop and adopt a comprehensive "Profile of a Closter Learner" that articulates the district's vision for student success and details the skills, knowledge, and experiences every student should acquire during their PreK-Grade 8 education.
- 3) *Counseling for Middle School to High School Transition*: By May 2025, improve guidance and counseling services for students transitioning from middle school to high school, ensuring that both students and parents are well-informed and supported in understanding and navigating available academic and extracurricular options by offering at least two workshops/Q&A sessions focused on the high school transition process, including topics such as course selection, special education services, and college/career planning.

## **Board Goals**

- 1) The Board will ensure responsible and strategic allocation of fiscal and human resources to effectively support the diverse needs of all students, focusing on future planning.
- 2) The Board leadership team will continue to partner with the Closter Mayor and Council, members of other school boards, state legislators, and state-level leaders to increase advocacy and communication about school matters.

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