

## **HICKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **GOALS & OBJECTIVES** **for the** **2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Board of Education and Administration of the Hicksville Public School District remain committed to providing a quality educational program for all students in a safe, secure and nurturing environment that will assist them in their own unique way of becoming caring, contributing and responsible citizens. We maintain expectations of excellence and pride, and implement programs and conditions which enhance the development of each individual's potential. Our primary commitment is to teaching and learning. These fundamental objectives require a positive climate in which students are given the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills and work habits necessary to achieve future success while developing self-esteem and a respect for individual differences. Our goals for the 2009-2010 school year support this mission.

1. **Promote positive learning experiences to enable students to reach their potential socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically.**
  - Seek to develop guidelines that incorporate social and emotional development into elementary and secondary school education programs.
  - Promote wellness through teaching good nutritional practices, healthy eating and exercise and to increase student awareness of the importance of developing a healthy lifestyle.
  - Continue to foster respect for our rich cultural diversity.
  - Continue to address the needs of all learners through programs of advanced study, expanded courses of study and programs for At-Risk students.
  
2. **Continue to provide sound fiscal management to strengthen and maximize resources and ensure a safe environment for students and staff.**
  - Utilize new sources of revenue to support instruction to ensure success for all students.
  - Continue to maintain and improve school facilities to ensure the safety and success of students.
  - Conduct a demographic study to evaluate school district utilization of space.
  - Conduct an energy audit of district facilities to identify potential cost savings to district.
  
3. **Continue to incorporate and expand the use of technology in district-wide operations to ensure greater efficiency in operations, prepare students for a global society and strengthen communications with the school community.**
  - Incorporate the use of new technologies to assist teachers in meeting the individual needs of all learners.
  - Utilize technology to provide opportunities for parents to monitor student progress, monitor food purchases and receive information regarding school closings, emergency preparedness, and special events and programs.
  - Install and utilize new technology at district facilities to ensure the safety and security of students and staff.

4. **Provide professional staff development which incorporates current research-based strategies and techniques so that teachers may positively impact the delivery of instruction to meet the needs of all learners.**

- Expand the district Schools Attuned initiative to include training of middle school teachers in a new framework for understanding all kinds of learners through a set of guiding principles which utilize neurodevelopmental knowledge of the learning process thereby assisting teachers in the development of instructional strategies to meet the learning needs of all students.
- Create a partnership with college professors to train staff in research based instructional strategies to assist them with the improvement of English Language Learners knowledge, understanding and performance.

Provide professional staff development to better meet the needs of all learners within an inclusive classroom by supporting general education and special education teachers in collaborative planning and delivery of instruction designed to develop student confidence and success.