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# Press Release

## **Board of Education adopts Board & District goals for 2017-2018**

Goals will help district maintain focus and prioritize spending.

**Newfane, New York, January 18, 2017:** At their first meeting of 2017, the Newfane Central School District Board of Education formally adopted a series of goals, for themselves as a board as well as for the District, to help guide the efforts of the District to meet the needs of their students and the community for the next several years.

**Goal development began last summer.** “These goals developed out of a series of conversations and discussions the Board has been having over the course of the past year as we have looked very critically at our District and where we need to grow in order to continue to meet the needs of our students and our community as we provide a positive climate encouraging all people in the Newfane School and Community to grow toward their highest potential,” said Board of Education President James Schmitt. “We set goals for our students and our staff and hold them accountable to those goals; as board members, we should be practicing what we preach.”

According to Superintendent of Schools Michael Baumann these goals will form the foundation upon which the District builds their efforts to prepare our students for their lives beyond the Newfane Central Schools. “The question, “How will that help us reach our goals?” will become an important filter through which we make decisions here at Newfane,” Baumann shared. “All of our decisions on how to allocate our resources will have to address how that decision supports our goals.”

The District’s adopted goals are listed on the next page, and can be found on the district website by [clicking here](#).

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**NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS 2016-2018**

**Board of Education Goals**

1. Advocacy - Initiate advocacy efforts with local and state legislative members on behalf of our District and our region.
2. Policy Review - Complete a comprehensive review and update of the Newfane Central School District Policy Manual.
3. Professional Development - Engage in a systemic effort to participate in and take advantage of Board of Education professional development opportunities to facilitate growth as a governance body.

**District Goals**

1. Student Achievement
  - (a) Initiate activities to increase the percentage of students who take and pass the third year of Regents level mathematics (Algebra 2) prior to graduation from the 2015-2016 level of 37% to 45%.
  - (b) Initiate activities to ensure that 85% of our students will participate in a college-level (Advanced Placement or local college-articulated) course prior to graduation.
2. Technology- Develop a comprehensive multiyear plan, utilizing the smart schools monies as a primary resource, to create a technological infrastructure within our district and community that better prepares our students with a solid technological knowledge base for the future.
3. Professional Development- Establish a thoughtful, articulated and well planned professional development program focused on identified District and building level curricular and instructional needs based upon student performance and District initiatives.
4. Fiscal Management- Initiate activities to review the budget development and implementation process in order to ensure a multi-year approach and the involvement of all internal stakeholders.
5. Communication & Community Involvement- Establish a framework for District and building level shared decision making and leadership development; and to establish structures that will strengthen both communication and involvement of employees, families and community members in District shared decision making.