

Portrait of a Learner First Meeting Recap – October 25

One of our responsibilities as a school district is to teach students the importance of setting goals and taking steps to accomplish them. Most of us have heard the adage “actions speak louder than words.” Hilliard City Schools is dedicated to setting a good example for our students by setting — and working toward — our own goals through a recently launched strategic planning process.

The goal of our strategic plan and Portrait of a Graduate work is to develop a North Star for our district; a set of common goals that drive our work each day, as well as a common language around teaching and learning. We know that the future direction of our educational system is made stronger when our community is involved in the process. As a result, we are excited to partner with Battelle for Kids, a nationally recognized nonprofit headquartered right here in Hilliard, Ohio, whose mission is to realize the power and promise of 21st-century learning for every student. Additionally, we are thrilled with the outpouring of interest from our community to join our Strategic Design Team, who will help us determine what Ready for Tomorrow means for students today. After all, we know that education has changed drastically in the past two years alone.

The Strategic Design Team held its first of four meetings in late October. More than 200 students, parents, teachers, administrators, community leaders, and business owners were in attendance. Battelle for Kids reviewed several landscape shifts, such as the pace of change and the makeup of the workforce today, and the implications of each on our students, that need to be considered as we develop our plan. Members of the Strategic Design Team participated in conversations around each of these factors. By night’s end, they shared a preliminary list of their hopes, dreams and aspirations for current and future Hilliard students.

Over the next several months, alongside Battelle for Kids, our Strategic Design Team will discuss the skills and competencies our students need to be prepared for employment, enlistment, enrollment or entrepreneurship upon graduating. This exercise will help them formulate our strategic plan and Portrait of a Graduate, along with action items aimed at helping us accomplish each of these goals in the coming years. You can follow the work on this web page.

Thank you to members of our Strategic Design Team for your commitment to ensuring Hilliard students are Ready for Tomorrow. If you’d like to weigh in on the future of our schools, stay tuned for additional opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas. We can’t wait to share our final vision with you next spring.