

YSSD Board Candidates Goals and Action Steps

Our top priorities: Reverse Academic Decline, Restore Excellence, and Ensure That Every Dollar Benefits Students.

Improving the performance of our students is serious business, and it must be our first priority. We commit to the following goals and specific action steps to reverse the decline and return York Suburban to its place among the top performing school districts in the state.

Academic Excellence

1. Boost 3rd and 8th grade math and reading performance:
 - We will work with district administration to create performance measures.
 - We will establish and publish a quarterly performance review of student academic progress toward these goals.
2. Let our teachers teach:
 - We will work with district administration to identify and remove obstacles that impede our classroom teachers.
 - We will identify and fund the investments in the classroom needed to meet our academic performance goals.

Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency

1. Tie every dollar to learning:
 - We will work with district administration to determine the cost to operate each school and program in the district.
 - We will fund only high-value programs and projects.
2. Supplement the state's format with a community-friendly budget:
 - We will provide an easy-to-understand format, using everyday language and tiered detail that supports "drilling down" to see specifics.
 - We will link spending to academic goals and outcomes.
 - We will use costs per student at each level to optimize the academic return on investment.
3. Transparency
 - We will require district administration to provide timely, concise academic and financial information to community members.
 - We will provide all stakeholders summaries of the programs, the programs' costs and supporting revenue in clear, unambiguous terms.