



## Creating a Strategic Plan for the Teaneck Community Charter School

### Session 2 of 3

#### Developing a Vision for TCCS in the Next 5 Years

On May 4, 2022, Teaneck Community Charter School administration, staff, and parents came together to continue the strategic planning process. The second meeting's topic focused on creating a shared vision for the Teaneck Community Charter School in the next five years.

The meeting, facilitated by Matt Lee and Patti Rees from the New Jersey School Boards Association, began with an overview of the Strategic Planning process and the steps taken at the October April 20, 2022 meeting.

To begin the visioning process, participants were asked to picture themselves in 5 years in the audience as the Teaneck Community Charter School is receiving an award for outstanding achievement in education - "Schools that Succeed." The participants were asked to envision what was written in an article found on Google which describes what the district did to warrant such high recognition – what programs / services / curriculum / student outcomes / best practices / facilities would you expect to see in your district that led to such success?

The various stakeholders then gathered in two randomly assigned groups to brainstorm their visions of how the school achieved this remarkable success. Each group was asked to write a title for the article and come to a consensus on up to 5-8 key visions. Each group's outcomes were shared with all meeting participants. The session concluded with the identification of common threads throughout the groups' work and five broad goal areas for the next meeting.

#### **Group Work**

The information that follows is a summary of the work of the small groups. As discussed with the meeting participants, all consensus points are recorded and posted on the district's website (<https://www.tccsnj.org>) to share the group work during the course of the strategic planning process. Responses for those who were unable to attend this session can be shared via the school's website

## **Group #1**

### **Title of Article: TCCS Shatters Expectations**

#### **Key Visions:**

- Excellent Life Skills: Financial, Technology, interpersonal communications,
- Community involvement & service: cleaning parks, helping elders with home, assisting disabled kids
- High academic achievement – become part of 5 top charter schools in NJ
- Trips – International trip for 8th graders, 4 trips/year for each grade
- Experiential learning
- Celebration of each other & DEI: community events
- Having the most involved parents/families/staff at various level

## **Group #2**

### **Title of Article: TCCS enhances program to create 22nd century global citizens with post Gen Z learners!**

#### **Key Visions:**

- Incorporate immersion classes/dual language
- Introduce classes related to cultural climate change, diversity, ethics, public service
- Start Pre-K program
- Modified “year round” school
- Increase collaborative classes and special education resources
- More project-based, individual learning
- Full service kitchen
- Community supports/activities
- Life skill electives: financial literacy, childcare, culinary, coding. Robotics
- Foreign exchange program

## ***Teaneck Community Charter School Strategic Planning Meeting #2 Outcomes***

### **Broad Goal Areas:**

**Five goal areas** emerged from the common themes identified by the group at large:

- Global Awareness
- Culture & Climate
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
- Community & Parent Involvement
- Student Achievement

### **Next Meeting:**

**The third strategic planning session is scheduled for:**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm at Multi-Purpose Room**

During the May 18 meeting we will review the outcomes from Sessions 1 & 2 (Strengths & Challenges, Visions) and develop broad goal statements for each of the five goal areas above that emerged from Session 2, and related objectives for each goal area.

**Please join us. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you!**