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## **Good Spirit School Division Foundational Statements and Strategic Plan**

As a new school year begins, Good Spirit School Division launches its' 2017-18 Foundational Statements and Strategic Plan.

The GSSD Foundational Statement features an update to the Division Values with the inclusion of perseverance:

*Belonging, Respect, Responsibility, Learning, Nurturing and Perseverance*

**We persevere.** Continued effort in the face of adversity enhances our likelihood of future and continued success. Helping our students and staff understand the growth mindset and the need for grit will serve them well and will allow GSSD to achieve its' vision of Learning Without Limits ... Achievement for All.

Good Spirit School Division's four focus areas and goals are reflective of the provincial Education Sector Strategic Plan. To achieve the goals specified in GSSD's Strategic Plan, staff will complete a work plan related to the focus area. The GSSD Strategic Focus and Long-Term Goals include:

**Student & Family:** GSSD exists to provide the highest level of student learning & well-being. All students will experience learning environments rich in the opportunities and experiences necessary to promote intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth.

By June 2020, GSSD will reduce the number of students reporting anxiety by 10%.

By June 2020, GSSD will reduce the number of students reporting depression by 10%.

By June 2020, at least 85% of GSSD students will be at grade level in reading.

By June 2020, at least 80% of GSSD students will be at grade level in writing.

By June 2020, at least 80% of GSSD students will be at grade level in math.

By June 2020, at least 90% of students exiting Kindergarten in GSSD will be ready for learning.

By June 2020, GSSD will achieve an 85% three-year graduation rate.

By June 2020, GSSD will achieve a 90% five-year graduation rate.

**Internal Processes:** GSSD is committed to providing equitable, balanced opportunities among schools, students and staff.

By June 2020, GSSD will demonstrate improvement in services to students and staff through the development and revision of processes and administrative procedures.

**People Capacity:** GSSD is a community of learners and believes collaborative partnerships with students, staff, families and community members will enhance educational opportunities.

By June 2020, GSSD will demonstrate improvement in student learning and well-being through the training and development of our staff.

By June 2020, GSSD will demonstrate improvement in student learning and well-being through the establishment of new and reaffirmed partnerships.

By June 2020, GSSD will demonstrate improvement in staff safety and well-being through on-going training and development.

**Financial Stewardship:** GSSD believes that we are all accountable. Board members, students, staff, families and community members have a responsibility, both individually and as part of the learning team, to participate and to contribute positively to public education.

By June 2020, GSSD will implement systemic approaches to find efficiencies and increase value for money allowing the division to respond to the challenges of student and staff needs.

For more information, you may review [Board Policy 1 Foundational Statements](#) and the [Strategic Plan Overview](#) on the Division website.

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