Firelands Vision Statement

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Mission Statement
The mission of the Firelands Local Schools is to create a community of lifelong learners that will function as responsible, self-sufficient citizens of a global society.

Teaching and Learning
Focus Area 1: Instruction
• All teachers will develop a focused, intentional sequence of daily lessons to strengthen language and literacy skills through intentional discourse, reading and writing in their content area.
• Teachers in grades 6-12 will create 2 Project Based Learning (PBL) lessons that incorporate the Gold Standard elements.
• Math teachers and intervention specialists will incorporate math talks, specifically focused on number sense, as part of their daily instruction.

Focus Area 2: Assessment
• Teachers will use evidence-based screening and diagnostic tools to implement instructional practices to meet the needs of all students.

Focus Area 3: Student Support
• The District will expand the multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) framework and understanding in grades K-12 to ensure that all students’ needs are met equitably.

Whole Child
Focus Area 1: Culture
• All staff will ensure that students feel safe, respected and a sense of belonging within the school environment.

Focus Area 2: Wellness
• Align, implement and evaluate Fireland School District’s SEL programs with Ohio’s K-12 SEL Learning Standards and Whole Child Framework to maximize the selection and use of evidence-based prevention and intervention practices.

Facilities
Focus Area 1: District Facilities Planning
• Explore facility and funding options to address needs related to academics, athletics and district operations.

Technology
Focus Area 1: Infrastructure Updates
• Implement changes based on a network security review
• Implement server maintenance schedule
• Initiate upgrade to Windows 11 OS
• Continue to expand on physical security/cameras by covering gaps in visibility

Focus Area 2: Professional Development
Provide staff and students training relative to online security, best practices and maintenance
• Technology training will be held in each building and highlight the specific needs of that building
• A “staff picks” section will be included in the training based on feedback received from staff gathered via surveys.

Finances
Focus Area 1: Revenue
• Develop a plan to utilize any new revenue sources in accordance with local, state and federal policies.

Focus Area 2: Expenditures
• Examine contracts that are in place and review and other areas where expenditures can be reduced while still providing programming to meet the needs of all students.

Community Engagement
Focus Area 1: Communications
• Design events to strengthen relationships between the district and community members.

Focus Area 2: Partnerships
• Continue to expand relationships with local businesses, civic groups and elected officials.