

## St. Louis Park Public Schools District Offices

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Dear St. Louis Park Resident:

St. Louis Park Public Schools is beginning a process to refine its strategic plan working in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park and Park Nicollet Health Services. I am writing today to ask for your help!

St. Louis Park Public Schools will host three strategic plan visioning sessions using a World Café process on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to gather input and opinions about the school district from students, parents and staff, as well as business leaders, senior citizens and community members. The sessions will be held from:

- 7:50 a.m.-10:20 a.m. in the Senior High School Gymnasium;
- 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the City of St. Louis Park Recreation Center; and
- 6:30-9:00 p.m. also in the City of St. Louis Park Recreation Center.

Similar to the successful visioning process used by the City of St. Louis Park, participants will be seated in small groups and asked to share insights and observations about the District as well as dreams for the future of St. Louis Park Public Schools. Some of the questions that will likely be asked include:

- What do you value about the schools, school district and its relationship with the community that you would like to see retained as we plan for the future?
- What are the greatest untapped resources within the staff and community that might contribute to student success?

Light refreshments will be served at the visioning sessions. Childcare will be provided from 6:00-9:30 p.m. at Central Community Center to accommodate parents attending the evening session. Advance registration for childcare is required – please call Marilyn at 952-928-6777.

You are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor living or working "In the Park" with you to the visioning sessions ... we are interested in gaining as much input as possible regarding insights, observations and dreams for the future of St. Louis Park Public Schools.

Please RSVP by calling 952-928-6000 or go online to the Community Education website at www.slpcommunityed.com and let us know which strategic plan visioning session you will attend. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely.

Dr. Debra Bowers, Superintendent