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Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools is about to embark on a process that impacts all learners in our district and we are seeking our community's help.

Our district will soon review the most important document in PLSAS: our strategic plan that defines our mission, core values, vision and strategic directions. Our mission is to "educate all learners to reach their full potential as a contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community." This is our promise to our families, staff, community and most importantly, to every student who walks through our doors.

On November 1, from 5-9:00 pm, we invite community members to attend a review of our strategic plan. The event will be held at Prior Lake High School, 7575 150th Street West, Savage. Please RSVP by Oct. 29 to: [mwalz@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us](mailto:mwalz@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us)

The purpose of this evening will be to share the current state of our district, review our strategic plan and show the progress made throughout PLSAS. It will also be a time to discuss current trends in education, where our district is headed, the desired daily experience we want for students and future priorities that can benefit the students of PLSAS. Specifically, we will gather input on the strategic directions which are the overarching goals that guide educational programs, services and applied resources.

This will not be the first time our community has come together to help shape the future of PLSAS. The strategic planning process began in our district in 2003 with the development of a mission, vision and belief statements for PLSAS. Future years saw the formation of core values, vision and strategic directions, along with measures to determine progress toward district goals.

Our strategic plan has helped guide us and bring important programs to students such as the Minnesota Center for Advanced Professional Studies (MNCAPS), which immerses high school students in profession-based learning experiences. We have expanded environmental education programming for students in early childhood through high school and implemented an elementary Spanish Immersion school, La ola del lago. Students have also benefited from expanded use of technology to enhance instruction and we have increased student engagement through innovative programming such as computer coding in our elementary schools and hands-on learning in our high school's Fabrication Laboratory (Fab Lab).

Our strategic plan calls for us to engage parents, families and community to strengthen a culture of respect and inclusion. At PLSAS, we know ideas matter and we are looking forward to

a night of community where we can celebrate all we have accomplished together and collect new ideas that will continue to help us prioritize our work and meet the needs of our students now and into the future.

I look forward to a night of community engagement with PLSAS staff, parents, students and community members on November 1!