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Dear Hazel Park Schools Family,

Hazel Park, MI — The Hazel Park Schools Board of Education and the Administration announced today they have been approved to launch a new initiative to guide them through a three- to five-year Strategic Plan. The process will include community and staff input events, data collection, and other efforts to create a shared vision and goals for the future of the district and strategies to achieve them, all while using scarce public education resources in the most effective and efficient way.

Stakeholder feedback will be an important part of the planning process. Community members, parents, students, teachers, and all district staff members will have the opportunity to give input on the strengths of the district, opportunities for improvement, barriers for implementation, and their vision for the district.

Stakeholder input, along with essential district data, provides the basis for the district to choose approximately five priority goals to be implemented over the next three to five years.

The benefits of the strategic planning process are many. Most notable are:

- Provides integrated, important input from the community and staff.
- Presents a succinct and graphical picture of the district's current status.
- Sets focused strategic goals that identify target areas to improve student achievement.
- Clearly delineates the role of the Board of Education and the superintendent/staff in strategic planning.
- Uses data to set goals and make important decisions.
- Helps identify areas to allocate increasingly scarce resources.
- Aligns Board priorities with school improvement processes.

Beverly Hinton, Hazel Park School Board of Education President, stated, "As school board members, we have to make the best decisions in these challenging, changing times. It is essential we use data forecasting and stakeholder input to make decisions and set shared priorities for the future of our district."

Greg Janicki, a consultant with Michigan Association of School Boards, will work with Hazel Park Schools for the next three months to complete the strategic plan. Janicki said, "Hazel Park Schools and MASB have worked together to design a customized process that ensures broad stakeholder involvement and will result in an effective strategic plan implementation. We look forward to involving the community in this process."

We would like to get your perspective on several topics that are critical to helping us develop our next strategic plan. Please take the time to fill out this survey – [Hazel Park Schools Strategic Plan](#) – on behalf of the Hazel Park School District. The survey will take roughly 10 minutes to complete.

Anonymous individual responses like yours will be combined with those from other stakeholders to provide important community input to the Board of Education and the strategic planning team as it seeks to identify the vision and the means by which to accomplish that vision.

Consolidated results from all returned surveys will be reported publicly. Please note that responses that contain the names of individuals and/or foul language will be deleted.

