



# *Hull Public Schools*

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Dear Members of the Hull School Committee,

Today I submit for your approval the 2019-2023 Hull Public Schools Strategic Plan. This document represents the research, thought, discussion, debate and work of more than 30 school leaders, parents, students, teachers and community members. It has taken more than a year to fully develop this document, and I am confident this is a plan that will provide our students with a truly exceptional education.

“What is in the best interests of the students of the Hull Public Schools?” This is the question that guides each decision I make as Superintendent and it also served as a guide while the Strategic Planning Committee and I developed our objectives, initiatives and action steps. As we implement the initiatives contained in this plan, each student in the Hull Public Schools will be positively impacted in many ways.

This plan is a compilation of hours of research on best practices in regards to curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and professional development. It will serve as a roadmap for our district over the next five years as we work towards ensuring that each student has her/his academic and social/emotional needs met. To do this, it will require each of us who work in the Hull Public Schools to think differently, change some of our practices, contribute to creating documents and learn new skills and best practices. I know that the faculty, staff and administrators of the Hull Public Schools are up to the task because we all share the same goal: to do what is best for our students.

This plan lays out the steps that we, as a district, must take in order to provide each Hull Public Schools student, no matter the number, with an education that is personalized, relevant and prepares them for success in the 21st century. It is about positive student outcomes. There is no denying that we have fewer students in our schools now than we did ten years ago. But there is

also no denying that schools must do more than ever before to make sure that each student is prepared for success after high school.

Our goal from the beginning of this process, has been to determine what type of education we need to provide in order to ensure that our students are prepared for life after high school. Now that we have made that determination, we can fully engage in conversations about how this education is delivered. These conversations will undoubtedly also address the issue of declining enrollment and will look at the ways we use our current facilities. Now that we have established the “what”, we can look at the “how.”

My sincere thanks to the volunteers and Hull Public Schools faculty, staff and administrators for your contributions to this plan. You pushed and challenged me and, together, we created a plan that will positively impact all our students and, of which, we can be proud.

I look forward to implementing this plan, as well as having the fruitful conversations that this plan will initiate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Devine", with a stylized, cursive script.

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