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Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

## **Waterford School District Board of Education Approves Continuous Improvement Plan**

### ***New Plan Will Provide a Common Vision & Mission for District Accreditation***

**Waterford, MI, June 2, 2009** – As a result of a continuous improvement planning process, the Waterford School District has developed a Continuous Improvement Plan that provides a common vision and direction for the Waterford School District. It will be used to drive continuous improvement efforts resulting in increased student performance and system effectiveness. This continuous improvement plan was approved by the Waterford Board of Education on May 7, 2009.

Over 290 people, representing all facets of the community, attended seven stakeholder input meetings which provided information on the District's strengths, areas of improvement, concerns, and hopes for the Waterford School District. A 35-member task force, along with central administration, reviewed the input and developed a new vision and mission statement, core beliefs, empirical indicators of success, and focus areas for continuous improvement with measurable action steps.

The District will use this plan to embark on the next phase of its improvement process by utilizing the quality assurance model designed by AdvancED, the largest school accreditation organization in the United States. While each building in the Waterford School District has been accredited for many years, the District is taking the next step to provide the highest quality learning experiences for all students, which means engaging in the process that leads to accreditation district-wide., processes, operations and functions of the district work in concert.

The Waterford School District's new vision statement is:

**Inspire, educate, and empower our students for their future!**

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The Waterford School District's new mission statement is:

**We provide exemplary education for all students while developing the whole learner in a safe and caring environment. Our students will thrive in a rapidly changing, interconnected and competitive world, supported by collaborative relationships with staff, families and the community.**

The next steps to achieving district accreditation will be to develop an AdvancED district wide Continuous Improvement Plan Document where schools and departments will develop measurable action plans that support the Continuous Improvement Plan. The Waterford School District will host a quality assurance review with AdvancED in December 2009.

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