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LEADING PUBLIC EDUCATION
IN SUFFOLK COUNTY
SINCE 1954

2018-2019 Goals and Action Plans

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About Us

In 1954, several school superintendents joined together to form what is now the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association, an organization dedicated to supporting school superintendents and students across Suffolk County. The primary goals of building camaraderie and improving communication among superintendents were the cornerstones of their efforts, and are as relevant today as they were more than 60 years ago.

Goals and Action Plans

The immediate and long-term future of the SCSSA is guided by a set of goals and actions established within a set of beliefs and parameters. This planning document clearly outlines these beliefs, parameters, goals and actions. The Association understands that our work occurs within a dynamic environment; therefore, we are committed to an annual progress review and update of the document.

Vision and Mission

The purpose of the SCSSA is summarized in our vision statement, "Informing and supporting school superintendents for the benefit of public education." The Association's mission statement expands upon this as follows: "The mission of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association is to promote and support the Superintendency as a profession for the benefit of public education. Toward this end, the organization will practice and foster the highest level of professional ethics."

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Beliefs and Operating Parameters

- The SCSSA is designed to distill and disseminate information and provide resources and support to its members in order to effectively advocate for the Association and public education.
- The SCSSA will share information and support superintendents through executive board meetings, general and special meetings, position papers, written communiqués and insightful conversations focused on current educational issues.
- The SCSSA strives to support superintendents so that they may have a common understanding and language to make informed decisions through one voice on a local, regional and national level.
- The SCSSA believes that it is the responsibility of superintendents to value public education and cultivate the educational landscape so leaders can lead, teachers can teach and students can learn.
- The SCSSA will abide by its constitution, by-laws and code of ethics.

2018-2019 Association Goals & Actions

THE SCSSA WILL ADVOCATE FOR THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE REGION, THE STATE AND THE NATION. This will occur through the development of a comprehensive advocacy program, meetings with government and elected officials, the preparation and presentation of testimony, and by offering educational programs for members and the public.

In 2018-19, the SCSSA will:

- a. Create a comprehensive advocacy agenda addressing a wide range of legislative and regulatory issues facing public schools in New York State. A special focus will be placed upon sustainable and fair school funding, school safety and security, and an APPR system that works.
- b. Continue to strengthen collaborative efforts with other like-minded advocacy groups and other school leaders.

THE SCSSA WILL SUPPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT EFFORTS TO ASSURE THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE THE HIGHEST QUALITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN A SAFE, SECURE ENVIRONMENT. This will occur through the dissemination of information related to state initiatives, school safety and professional development opportunities for members and other school leaders.

In 2018-19, the SCSSA will:

- a. Release, promote and advocate for the Blueprint for Action to Enhance School Safety. Efforts to implement a wide range of school safety and security measures outlined in the Blueprint will be coordinated with government and law enforcement officials, as well as with other education-related organizations.
- b. Offer programs/workshops collaboratively with BOCES, SCOPE or other partners for school staff on current/emerging issues confronting school districts.

THE SCSSA WILL SUPPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ACCURATE AND MEANINGFUL INFORMATION TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. This will occur through the dissemination of publications, testimony, survey results and reports.

In 2018-19, the SCSSA will:

- a. Submit columns to newspapers on educational issues written from the perspective of school leaders.
- b. Promote the use of the SCSSA website as a resource for information on issues involving schools in the region. This will be partially accomplished by using a new Facebook account.

THE SCSSA WILL PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPERINTENDENTS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL LEADERS ACROSS THE REGION. This will occur by providing meaningful, high-quality programs at workshops and meetings sponsored by the Association.

In 2018-19, the SCSSA will:

- a. Create a microcredential program in collaboration with SCOPE and Stony Brook University for members participating in the Shaping the Future PD program.
- b. Offer the Shaping Aspiring Leaders program to a second cohort of aspiring superintendents in collaboration with SCOPE.
- c. Establish a mechanism for the development of future PD themes for program-planning purposes.
- d. Evaluate the feasibility of applying CTLE hours earned towards graduate program seat time.

THE SCSSA WILL PROMOTE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ROLE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN EDUCATING STUDENTS AND LEADING ORGANIZATIONS. This will occur by seizing opportunities to acknowledge and present the good work of superintendents in the media and public forums.

In 2018-19, the SCSSA will:

- a. Create opportunities for members to learn successful techniques for promoting the superintendency from one another.
- b. Integrate the role of the superintendent into media outreach whenever possible.