

## Cultivating Our Future

On March 27-28, the Clear Lake School District Board of Education hosted a community event attended by over 100 citizens. This event was the culmination of months of thought and planning by District leaders with the goal of updating the Vision and Mission of the Clear Lake School District and giving input to assist the Board with strategic planning for the future.

The process began months ago with the selection of a facilitator and the formation of a planning committee of district residents (called the Vision Element Study Team, or VEST). At the event, facilitator Brad Saron led attendees through a series of activities and table discussions meant to elicit feedback about the district and promote thoughtful dialogue about what we hope for the future of our schools and their impact in our community. It was also a great opportunity for people to make positive community connections with each other.

The Board and school administration will use the feedback from the event to help their efforts towards continuous improvement. Using the information gathered from the event, an analysis will be done to identify common themes. The VEST will use that information to make recommendations about possible updates to our District's mission, vision, and value statements. In addition, the VEST will give the Board recommendations for priority themes for developing a multi-year strategic plan. This work on plan development will continue into the summer.

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