

On September 10 and 17 members of the Big Hollow School District community participated in a strategic planning process led by a field representative from the Illinois School Board Association. The purpose of the two-day project was to revisit and revise the school district's current strategic plan which had been authored in 2003. As a result of this activity, the following Mission Statement, Vision Statement and District Goal's were composed and presented for public comment, via a district-wide computer survey. Based on that feedback, Big Hollow will now move forward with the following mission/vision/goals. If you have comments or questions, please contact a School Board member or the district office.

Big Hollow School District's Mission Statement

The District will provide a strong educational foundation that empowers students to excel and instills the desire for life-long learning.

Big Hollow School District's Vision Statements

1. The District will develop in students the ability to apply problem-solving skills in their daily lives.
2. The District will have open, honest, effective communication that creates a strong bond between school, home, and community.
3. The District will meet the individual education needs of all students.
4. The District will develop students with a respect for self, others, and the environment.
5. The District will develop students with a passion for learning.

Big Hollow School District's Goals

1. Programs/Services/Curriculum: Programs, services and curriculum will be challenging, comprehensive, and appropriate for all learners.

2. Community and District Relations: The District will increase community awareness and involvement of all stakeholders in the Big Hollow School District through community newsletters, online District communications, and community events.
3. Student Achievement: All students will achieve at a high level of academic performance and growth as measured by standardized tests and assessment by teachers.
4. Facilities: The District will develop and implement a plan to build onto the Middle School or build an additional building if more classroom space is needed.
5. Finance: By 2014 Big Hollow School District will acquire sufficient funding to sustain and improve our educational process in order to maintain "Recognition" status as measured by the state financial report.
6. Facilities: By 2014 Big Hollow School District will use technology to subsidize electrical cost as measured by yearly usage and CPA audit.