

Chappaqua Education For the Future



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Our Purpose

The Chappaqua Education for the Future (CEFF) committee is an advisory group to the superintendent established in 2011 by Dr. Lyn McKay, Superintendent of Schools. Its aim is to use the varying perspectives of our community to identify and prioritize both educational and structural challenges in order to enrich the opportunities facing our school district.

What We've Done (2011-2016)

The CEFF advisory committee began its work by reviewing the District's mission statement and the Board of Education's teaching and learning strategic question, discussed the skills students need to thrive in the future, and reviewed major district initiatives in progress.

We then brainstormed and generated 49 ideas for moving the district forward. These ideas included teaching and learning suggestions as well as ways to have better communication and operations.

What We've Done (2011-2016) (Cont'd)

To ensure continued excellence in teaching and learning – and after considerable reflection by a group of parents, students, teachers, community members, and administrators – the committee settled on three vital topics:

- ▶ Communication and Collaboration
- ▶ Creativity
- ▶ Social, Emotional, and Physical Health

What We've Done (2011-2016) (Cont'd)

We then moved forward in the context of these topics to support the Superintendent and the District in:

- ▶ Developing more precise, working definitions of each topic.
- ▶ Speaking with staff who are creating active learning environments.
- ▶ Speaking with staff who are implementing innovative work.
- ▶ Drafting language to communicate the District's work.

Three Topics CEFF Explored During 2015-16

- ▶ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
- ▶ Global Competance
- ▶ Student Stress