

# NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

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To: Board of Education  
From: Paul Sally, Superintendent  
Re: New Trier 2030 – Parent/Community Advisory Group  
Date: September 16, 2019

An essential part of our strategic plan, New Trier 2030, is to ensure we have two-way communication with our students, staff, parents, and community about our progress and direction. To that end, we are preparing to launch our Parent/Community Advisory Groups. We will establish two groups that each meet three times per year; one group will meet during the day and another group will meet in the evening. Each group will have 25-30 members. The purpose of bringing these groups together is to:

- Incorporate community/parent feedback in a consistent manner over the life of New Trier 2030
- Establish a key communicator group who will help share important information about New Trier with their colleagues, friends, and neighbors and in turn collect input from these groups
- Gain an understanding of how to best share information with community members and parents

Details and membership are still being finalized, but we have established target dates and topics for the year.

## Meeting Dates and Times

- October 22, 23, or 24 – Introduction to New Trier 2030, discussion of 2019-2020 annual plan, updates on initiatives.
- February 11, 12, or 13 – Review progress on initiatives with special attention to the *Characteristics of a New Trier Graduate*.
- April 14, 15, or 16 – Review progress on initiatives and direction for 2020-2021.

Times: One group will meet from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and the other will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## Membership

We will be asking participants to make a one-year commitment to the three meetings. These members will have an opportunity to sign up for the next year, but we will rotate new members into the group each year. Invitations will be going out later this week to individuals representing a cross-section of our community and parents.

In addition to Administrators and Board members, the committee will include: NTPA representatives, parents of current students, representatives of business partnerships, sender school parents, sender school administration, alumni, and community leaders. While no students are on this committee, we are running a separate process to communicate with students through the All School Forum, which meets once each month.

On Monday, I am looking for a short discussion to get feedback from the Board on the structure and the membership of these groups.