

**LaMotte School District Goals  
2011-2012**

**Mission: Creating independent lifelong learners by teaching respect, responsibility, and academic excellence.**

**Vision: Together we will prepare LaMotte students to succeed in life and reach their goals.**

**Tag line: LaMotte...Where education and the environment meet.**

**Maintain or improve student achievement, opportunities and responsibility.**

- As measured by the Montana CRT, 90% of LaMotte students will be proficient or advanced in math and reading.
- Students scoring below benchmark as measured by DIBELS, will receive individualized instruction in addition to the regular classroom. 90% of students tested in May will achieve benchmark on DIBELS.
- All students that score below grade level in math unit assessments and AIMSweb probes will receive individualized instruction.
- Math and reading coaches will be available to provide intervention services to students falling below grade level in reading and math.
- Fourth and fifth grade students will participate in the county Science Fair.
- Students in grades 5-8 will participate in the Geography Bee.
- Students in grades 5-8 will participate in a school level Spelling Bee.
- Students will submit writing and/or art samples for publication in various medium.
- Students will be recognized at flag ceremonies for exemplary work, behavior, and attitude.
- LaMotte students will have the opportunity to learn leadership skills through organizations such as Student Council. Students will be asked to lead the school in community service projects, school improvement efforts, and school spirit.
- In preparation for high school, the middle school students will be given more independence and responsibilities.

**Staff will pursue Professional Development opportunities tied to student achievement**

- Teachers will participate in training in differentiated instruction.
- The Board will support and encourage continuing education.
- Provide training for the teachers using the Promethean Whiteboards.
- RTI – training – two year commitment
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**Foster relationships and communication with parents and encourage parental involvement in student learning and achievement.**

- Parents will receive weekly “Friday Fodder” messages either by email or hard copy.
- Monthly newsletters will be sent home.
- Teachers will send information about class activities through the Fodder or newsletter. Some will choose to email parents directly.
- Parents of any student falling below a C average at the time of mid-term reports will be contacted by the teacher.
- Parent/teacher conferences will be conducted twice a school year.

**Enhance communication to District residents and promote public outreach.**

- Send “Best of LaMotte” news to all community members
- Publicize student and school achievements in the Chronicle.

**Emphasize healthful lifestyles and strive to provide quality extracurricular opportunities for students.**

- Promote the importance of physical and emotional fitness and a drug-free lifestyle.
- Continue to apply for United Way After School Grants
- Offer After School Club nightly to all students.
- Continue to foster a partnership with Mt. Ellis Elementary to offer basketball, volleyball and track.
- Provide off campus physical fitness opportunities to students during the school day as part of the PE program.

**Steadily move towards adequate facilities for present and future school population.**

- Continue to assess in-district student needs vs. out-of-district student requests to maintain effective class sizes based on available classroom space.

**Budget planning will reflect benefits to student achievement while maintaining fiscal responsibility.**

- Continue to operate efficiently and explore other revenue sources.
- Continue to manage district funds to maximize benefits that accommodate student growth – e.g., ample reading and math aides.

**Strive to be an effective board and maintain accountability to stakeholders.**

- Board members will attend MTSBA and MCEL workshops and conferences.
- The board will collect and represent parent and staff opinions with periodic surveys.
- A goal building session between the board and principal will be conducted in July or Aug following survey results.
- Discuss annual goal-setting meeting every June incorporating staff and parent survey.
- School board meetings will be run in an efficient and timely manner. Parents and staff will be encouraged to attend and participate.

**Develop a “Friends of LaMotte” Foundation.**

- Structure a foundation and formulate articles of incorporation.
- Formulate Bylaws.
- Apply for tax-exempt status for the ability to accept donations.
- Raise appropriate amount for start-up costs.

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