

## *Draft strategic plan for education released*

In discussions regarding Ohio's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan, Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria has been quick to point out that another important document – a strategic plan – will also inform public education in the Buckeye State throughout the 2019-2024 school years.

Last month, the Ohio Department of Education and State Board of Education released a draft document outlining the three guiding principles – the whole child, caring adults and a strong system – that serve as the foundation of the five-year plan. The document also identifies 15 strategies that support four equally-valued “domains of learning:” foundational skills and knowledge; well-rounded content; reasoning; and, social-emotional.



The purpose of the plan is to help each child become successful thanks to the guidance and support of caring adults who are empowered by an effective system. The first strategic plan for K-12 education in more than a decade, it's intended to serve as a tool to inform public policy and education practice in Ohio's schools.

More than 150 preK-12 educators, higher education representatives, parents and caregivers, employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations worked collaboratively over the last six months to develop the draft strategic plan.

The next step in the process is to gather stakeholder feedback for consideration. Two opportunities to share thoughts and inform the continued development of the plan are available: offer feedback online; or do so at one of 13 regional meetings to be held across the state.

Review the draft plan and learn how to weigh in at:

<http://education.ohio.gov/About/Ohios-Strategic-Plan-for-Education>