Teaching and Learning

What do we want for our learners?
We want all our learners to be successful…

This means: We need to create flexible, adaptable environments that support a variety of learning styles

- Flexible/adaptable learning spaces
  - Moveable walls
  - Tables rather than desks
- Variety of sized learning spaces
- Distance learning and on-line
- Formal and informal learning spaces
- Flexibility/agility to change delivery models
- Maximize multi-purpose nature of all spaces
We want our learners to feel safe and have a sense of community both in and out of the school environment...

This means: We need to create a space for community within the school and for students in the community

- Space for community partners
- Sense of belonging
- Celebrate the uniqueness of St. Cloud area
- Place-based learning
- Welcoming and accessible to parents
We want our learners to be competitive in the world…

This means: We need to create a world class education that supports both college and career readiness

• Access to world and local communities
• Look to best practices for future
• Support programs such as Pro-start, Project Lead the Way
• Look at local businesses such as Healthcare, manufacturing, business services
• Create business partnerships where students run and manage the business
We want our learners to be equitably connected to resources…

This means: We need a technology rich environment that promotes learning anytime, anyplace

- Use of virtual technology – connections to world
- Tech centers with genius bars and informal learning
- Wireless everywhere
- Extended day access for those without wifi
- Ability to move with the technology
- I-Pad minis (being rolled out)
- Flexible technology, ie Mediascapes
We want our learners to have hands-on, relevant learning experiences...

This means: We need to support career technical, business, and STEAM education through appropriate partnerships and space

- Space for applied learning
- Student run businesses
- Building pads for construction of housing
- High tech bio tech (Agriculture)
- Broadcast facilities
- High tech Math/science labs
- Maker spaces
We want our learners to understand that learning is integrated and not discipline specific...

This means: We need to break down traditional silos between subjects and promote teacher collaboration

- Integration of learning – for example, STEAM
- Interdisciplinary learning
- Spaces that allow team teaching
- Fine arts programs integrated and visible to community
- Eliminate teacher owned learning spaces
- Integrate environment into learning
We want our learners to be supported by staff that work collaboratively to promote best practices…

This means: we need to support our staff through professional development and create professional work space for collaboration

• Staff collaboration spaces
• Diversity of staff considered
• Large and small group space for professional development
We want our learners to have opportunities throughout the community…

This means: we will work to support partnerships with businesses and high ed institutions in the St. Cloud area

• Identify what makes this community special
• Support partners and services in High Schools
• Create more community and business partnerships
• Develop internship opportunities for students
• Look at regional opportunities
We want our learners to have a completed high school experience rich with opportunities beyond traditional academics…

This means: We need to support the arts, activities and athletics

• Great athletic facilities
• Performance – auditorium and smaller venues (multi-purpose)
• Equitable access to programming/assets
• Indoor track?
We want our learners to feel welcomed into our schools…

This means: Our schools need to address the physical needs of students by being safe, comfortable, and aesthetically welcoming with lots of daylight

- Natural lighting
- Outdoor learning
- Security - passive and active
- Appropriately sized/located restrooms with PA
- Safe parking, bus, parent drop-off
- Embracing social, emotional and cultural needs of all students