

Save The Date! Monday, December 6, 2016

Dear Members of the Croton-Harmon School Community:

Last spring our district took the initial steps to create an educational plan for the next five years. We sent out invitations to the public to join our Strategic Coherence Planning Committee. We also solicited participation from our educators and high school students. The committee has twenty five members, and includes parents, community members, educators, representatives of the board of education, and students.

The committee began its work by doing a careful review of the research on the skills and knowledge our students will need in order to succeed in the future. The committee found that our students need to be able to think creatively, globally, independently and perhaps differently to contribute positively to a globalized society. As we reflected on the current research we are certainly reminded of the Croton-Harmon School District's vision and mission.

In September 2016, the Strategic Coherence Planning Committee identified **critical and creative thinking for problem solving as the focus for our new five year educational plan**. To help us do an analysis between our current state and the desired state, our committee is reaching out via surveys and forums seeking input from all of our stakeholders: parents/community, educators, and students.

We are pleased to announce that there will be a Parent and Community Input Forum on Monday, December 6, 2016 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in Croton-Harmon High School. One of our facilitators will lead those present through a process designed to gather input and feedback from those present regarding the future direction of our K-12 educational system. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Jacquie Meyer at Jacquie.Meyer@chufsd.org.

In addition, the Strategic Coherence Planning Committee has developed an electronic survey for all parents and community members. The survey may be accessed by clicking on the following link:

The survey is now open and will remain open until Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Input from both the parent/community forum and the parent/community survey will be shared with the full Strategic Coherence Planning Committee and will be used to help us develop the five year educational plan.

We hope to have an educational plan for presentation to our board of education in the spring of 2017.
Please help us by attending the parent/community input forum on December 6th and by completing the parent/community survey.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Edward R. Fuhrman, Jr. and Dr. Deborah O'Connell