

# Swansboro Middle School 2012-2015 Brendan Gartner



## **Vision:**

- Swansboro Middle School will be a clean, safe, caring school where students and staff are engaged in learning.
- Swansboro Middle School will be a school where staff, students, families, and the community work together towards growth and learning.
- Swansboro Middle School will guide students in order to develop the necessary skills for continuous learning.
- Swansboro Middle School will be the center of a cohesive & collaborative environment that fosters learning.
- Swansboro Middle School will build trust and earn respect among staff, students and families and the community to inspire learning.

**Purpose Statement:** Our purpose is to prepare students for the future.

## **School Executive's Message:**

Swansboro Middle School is a school that embraces the challenges that are a result of the dynamic nature of education today. We realize that the recent changes in education are a direct result of the ever-evolving world in which we now live and we eagerly work to meet the needs of our students. While providing students the opportunity to master the prescribed curriculums, our staff encourages students to be adaptable critical thinkers and problem solvers and to assume leadership roles within the school and beyond.

## **Key Areas of Focus for 2012-2015**

- Improving literacy and integrating literacy strategies into all content areas.
- Appropriately and effectively addressing the Common Core and Essential Standards.
- Increasing meaningful and productive stakeholder involvement at the school.
- Allow for greater access to technology and connectivity to support Bring Your Own Device.
- Establish and support a culture of collaboration and effective professional learning communities.

## **Key Challenges to Address for 2012-2015**

- Fostering meaningful, productive stakeholder involvement.
- Composite reading scores have increased only 5.7% during the past five years.
- The school has not met proficiency measures established by Adequate Yearly Progress or Annual Measurable Objectives since the 2002-2003 academic year.
- There remains a significant achievement gap between white and minority populations.
- Fiscal challenges of providing, updating, and replacing instructional technology.

## **Anticipated Outcomes of 2012-2015 Swansboro Middle School Strategic Plan**

At the conclusion of this plan, we hope to have a clear and concise plan that addresses literacy at Swansboro Middle School. Through the writing of a literacy plan that addresses literacy across all disciplines, proficiency in all areas will increase. While we have seen gains in our overall proficiency, we are hoping that the goals set forth in this plan will help increase proficiency at a higher rate. In addition, we hope to increase stakeholder participation in the decision making process at the school level. We will create a plan that effectively addresses the transition from grade eight to the high school.