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# East Rutherford Public Schools 2023-2024 Board of Education Goals

### Goal #1 – Transparency and Accountability

The Board commits to ensuring transparency by expanding public engagement with parents, students and the general community. Where appropriate, the Board re-affirms a commitment to including public comment throughout decision-making processes, building a feedback loop with the community and avoiding becoming a "rubber stamp". The Board will ensure a presence at relevant community events to expand access to the Board throughout the year. Finally, the Board commits to collaboration with all East Rutherford stakeholders to ensure a collective effort for the betterment of the community.

### Goal #2 – Fiscal Responsibility and Community

The Board commits to ensuring the fiscal sustainability of the district. Recognizing the responsibility given to Board members by the residents of East Rutherford, the Board places the utmost importance on the fiscal health of the district and the impact of its decisions on taxpayers. The Board is committed to maintaining a balanced 2023-2024 budget while meeting the needs of the district. The Board commits to financial oversight of the district in contract negotiations, spending, construction and maintenance, and personnel decisions.

## Goal #3 – Balancing Long and Short-Term District Goals

The Board commits to maintaining a balance of long-term and short-term goals to ensure that the district is able to (1) improve the education experience for students, (2) ensure its financial future without undue burden on residents and taxpayers, and (3) oversee current and future construction and maintenance programs to avoid unnecessary budget shortfalls for future Boards.

#### Goal #4 – Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Standards

The Board commits to an increased awareness of curriculum, instruction and assessment to ensure that all Board decisions are reflective of New Jersey standards. The Board also commits to ensuring that the district has the resources necessary to improve the caliber, content and assessment of instruction by investing in curriculum, technology, facilities and personnel. Through professional development, communication and collaboration, Board members can ensure that they are united with district leadership in maintaining a standard of excellence for the students of East Rutherford.