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Hallsville Families,

Providing the best education to the children of Hallsville is the mission of our district and the goal of every staff member. Our district does an outstanding job, but no one is perfect; there are always areas for growth and improvement. That's why strategic planning is so critical.

Every Missouri school district creates and uses a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) to establish goals, develop action plans, and monitor progress on their efforts to enhance the education provided to students. In order to be most effective, strategic plans should target a limited number of areas for focus, and must be reviewed and revised on a regular basis.

Hallsville's most recent plan is available [here](#). Like most district plans, it is too cumbersome to be truly effective for its purpose. We need to slim down the plan to a few high-impact goals and the related action items most likely to further increase student learning. Our updated goals and actions will come from the following broad categories, which are aligned to Missouri's new accreditation framework: student learning, effective teachers and leaders, and school and district resources.

Over the coming months, the district will be collaborating with the community to review our data and revise our current CSIP. The process we will use to complete the review and revision will be an experiment of sorts: rather than convene a limited number of on-site evening meetings, we will leverage the power of the Internet and social media to provide you with information and gather feedback from the community.

We've created a [Facebook group](#) as a central location for this process. The goal of the group is to serve as an online discussion area, where the district can share information and parents, staff, students, and community members can respond with their ideas. Please be sure to bookmark the district website and join our new Facebook group to participate in this very important project.

Sincerely,

John Downs, Superintendent of Schools