

# *Jeffco Performing Arts Advocacy Coalition*

**April 22, 2015 Newsletter**

## **Jeffco Public Schools Vision & Strategy Projects Update**

If you received the February newsletter and/or follow our updates on Facebook and Twitter, which link to our website, you know that JPAAC was asked by Jeffco Public Schools to assist with developing the Vision for our students for 2020. This newsletter contains an update on that project and also introduces the Strategic Planning project, which we have also been asked to assist with.

### **Jeffco Public Schools Vision 2020 Project**

The Jeffco Vision 2020 project has been completed. 60 representatives of the community, including JPAAC, were asked to assist with developing the vision of the model graduate in 2020. We defined 5 high level competencies every graduate should possess by the year 2020. Each of these has many sub-competencies defined.

- Content Mastery (Math, Science, English, Arts, etc.)
- Critical Thinking & Creativity
- Civic and Global Engagement
- Communications
- Self Direction & Personal Responsibility

We are very pleased to report that content mastery of the Arts, both Performing and Visual, are a part of this vision for our future students. The next step is to present the vision on May 7 to the Jeffco Board of Education for final approval. For a more detailed update, please see our [news & events page](#).

### **Jeffco Public Schools Strategic Planning Project**

With the Vision 2020 project wrapping up, we have the “what” defined – what the model graduate should look like. Now we need to define “how” to get there. What needs to change in the school system to get us to the point of educating our future students to the new model? That is the purpose of the Strategic Planning project, which kicked off late last month.

We are again pleased to let you know that JPAAC has been asked to participate in this project as well. We are one of five entities/people carrying over from the Vision 2020 project to this new team of 25 community representatives. The project will continue into June and also conclude with a presentation to the Jeffco Board of Education for final approval of the strategies defined.

Both the Vision 2020 and Strategic Planning project have a website [here](#). Project documentation, team members, etc. are all available on the site, which is public. We will continue to post updates on our website, Facebook & Twitter, and through the occasional newsletter as well.

**Spread the Word!**

One of our primary goals is to provide information relevant to advocating for Performing Arts. We do this by building content on our web site, providing updates and time sensitive information on Facebook and Twitter, and through periodic newsletters. However, all the content in the world isn't useful unless it reaches people who care and can utilize it. Spread the word to those around you who care about Performing Arts. Broad based local advocacy is the best way to achieve the mission of "being a united voice in supporting, maintaining, and developing equitable opportunities for all Jeffco students to participate in the arts as a part of a complete, well rounded education."

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