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- By 2020, MSDWT should have or be
- Continued focused on academic excellence
- Most important thing is to keep the academic rate up
- The IB and the Ivy League does matter
- This is the info to give to the 80%
- How to sell to the greater WT community
- Quantity and quality of the academic opportunities
- Desperately need to have alternative school, so this is good that we are opening the new academy
- Things are good/ maintain
- Continued diversity and high standards
- More and better technology
- One to one technology. IPADs and laptops for all students. Access for all families
- Better support and communication for families and students who are new to the district
- To have opportunities for internships, distance learning. Utilize the new technology to the maximum extent possible to help our students be global citizens. "Schools without walls"
- More collaborated, coordinated instruction in math, science and social studies
- Substantial increase in SAT scores
- Community Schools Focus: intentional integration of community resources in each school
- Create more programs that work for our kids give kids an opportunity if you aren't on track. (look at our programs to make sure they support kids going to college) identify kids sooner across the board for appropriate programs.
- Would like to send flyers home with students.
- Improved community partner communication
- Newsletters not effective
- Need more space for students
- Need to modernize
- Create an ownership of space
- Need to redefine school boundaries
- Need to provide additional supports for growing ENL population
- Depends on priorities: reopen
- Maintain academic excellence
- Maintain our curriculum
- Lowest absentee rates
- Best equipped faculty in the state
- Preparing the community for a Ref to fund the Schools
- Increased access to counselors regardless of different needs/various needs
- Premier school district in Indiana
- Get people to come back to the District
- Programs for all students ENL, Spec. Ed.
- Preschool with access to move families in district
- Early education funding

Student/teacher ratio small as possible

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If I were Superintendent, one essential focus area for the 2016-2019 WT Strategic Plan would be

- Getting rid of overcrowding
- Get rid of trailers they look shabby
- Open Wyandotte
- Build another school
- Confusion over the overcrowding of elem v. middle
- Upgrading the facilities
- More understanding of schools of greater community beyond the people that have students
- They have appreciation for the greatness of schools
- Parent outreach to the community and what it means to them
- Recognizing the importance of keeping them great
- Middle schools have equal resources
- Facilities- lack of renovation, space issue
- Input from all levels of decision making
- Retention of middle years teachers (state problem)
- More money
- Remodel current facilities
- Make sure that students are "life ready". That we are preparing students to live in a global world. To continue to help students be problem solvers and critical thinkers
- More guidance and direction from counselors about course choices and helping students prepare for life after high school
- More information shared with families and students about IB
- Reading & comprehension : address the gap
- Math & Science (STEM)
- Coding
- Incorporate IB better into STEM type of curriculum
- Conflict resolution for students
- Need to address facilities
- Open up Wyandotte
- Creative thinking about budgeting and community partners
- Prioritize early childhood education
- Partnerships with other community partners
- All classes within the building no trailers
- Focus Holistic (Mind/Body/Spirit) keeping kids in schools
- Cost control
- Flexible programming for kids
- Mention excellence

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How can we improve our facilities?

- Security is antiquated
- Some of the elementary, you can just walk in due to the openness of the buzzing system
- Perception of having a secure environment is important
- Property around schools (particularly Eastwood) needs to be improved
- School property has been allowed to get over grown
- The aesthetics matter
- Looks like we care about it
- The drop off and pick up is very bad at Eastwood
- The layout of NC is good
- The openness is nice
- It's very clean and quiet
- Wyandotte opened
- Send the kindergarten back to Wyandotte
- JS is over capacity bc of kindergarten
- Redistrict AV a little to help this
- It's a good space
- A new elementary school on the west side
- The locations of the middle schools are good
- New construction v. remodel
- Which is cheaper?
- Rehabbing for more storage
- Smart space
- Fewer modular classrooms
- Integrating everyone in to the building
- New or reopened facilities
- Grounds in general, include sports facilities to show a sense of pride
- Integrating technology
- Technology upgrades
- Improvements/upgrades needed across the district
- Improve cafeterias and restrooms
- Redistrict so students can attend their neighborhood school
- Renovations compared to Pike, Lawrence, IPS etc.
- Funding through private partnerships
- Community based contributions
- How can we renovate for the future?
- Increase capacity in order to capitalize on technology students already own
- Need a manner in which to ensure all students can use technology
- Open up Wyandotte

- Additional space
- Keep up with technology
- \$ raise
- Flexible/Multi- spaces
- Update restrooms
- Cafeteria updated
- Roof carpet (floor coverings), electrical don't neglect the infrastructure
- Investigate value of land the District owns
- Space for early childhood
- Cost to reopen buildings
- Partner w/companies for alternate forms of energy
- Need adequate space
- Community needs to know

Other...

- What is happening with the closed facilities?
- What about out of district students?
- Lots of fundraising, possibly too much
- Is there talk of redistricting? Preserve diversity at every site
- Transportation gaps b/t drops offs (middle school/high school)
- Start times for HS 8:30 or later
- Early childhood education