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BUCYRUS CITY SCHOOLS MAKING GOOD ON THEIR PROMISE

BUCYRUS, OH (August, 4, 2010) – In 2008, the Bucyrus City School District asked for the community's help in developing their five-year strategic plan. Over the next year, 300 individuals pledged their time and talents in order to create a strategic plan designed to mold Bucyrus into the "District of Choice in North Central Ohio" by 2015. Upon completion of the project, the district made a promise to the community, a promise not to let their hard work go to waste. On Thursday, August 12, at the Bucyrus Secondary School Commons and Little Theatre, the district will make good on their promise.

"Our plan drives everything we do," said Bucyrus Superintendent Dr. Todd Nichols, referring to the district's five-year strategic plan. Nichols continued, "We are excited to share with our public the progress we've made with regard to the execution of our plan." The State of the Schools Address directly stems from the community's desire for greater accountability within all areas of district operations.

The address is the first of its kind for Bucyrus and will update the community on the current progress of each goal area. Updates for these areas will be made by the following individuals and last approximately ten minutes.

- Finance Goals: Dawn Jacobs and Doug Schiefer
- Communication Goals: Terra Hamm and Tony Lipscomb
- Student Life Goals: Kevin Kimmel and Sandy Stone
- Highly Qualified Staff Goals: Todd Nichols and Grant Hope
- Instruction Goals: Robin Showers and Paul Johnson
- Curriculum Goals: Donna Stanfield and Paul Johnson

Bucyrus Board of Education members along with Bucyrus City School staff teamed up to ensure each goal area received proper attention. "We have made a commitment to not allow this document to sit on a shelf and gather dust. We as a board are so committed to this that we each decided to be responsible for a section of the plan, which was never done in the past," said Sandy Stone, a 16-year veteran of the Bucyrus School Board. "Our community



Bucyrus City Schools came together and worked hard helping us develop a plan for the future of this district. We want them to realize how much we valued their input and that their hard work was not in vain.”

Public school districts across the state have self-induced image problems, many of which stem from promises made and often broken. It is of vital importance for any community to trust and respect the decisions of their school district. On August 12, the Bucyrus City School District is going to make good on their promise and give the community an unprecedented look at district operations. While the address will not fix all the issues facing the district, it is a step in the right direction, a step toward greater accountability and communication within the Bucyrus community.

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