

# HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOLS

## GOALS FOR 2007-2008



### VISION:

The Homer Central School District shall be an institution that provides a challenging and rewarding educational opportunity for the children of its district to become productive citizens in tomorrow's world. Instruction will be conducted in a manner to foster PRIDE among students and faculty. We will strive to incorporate modern technological advancements in instruction as well as administration of the district and to make financial resources available to maintain and improve buildings and grounds, which showcases the community's pride. We are committed to engage the public through communication to ensure that the needs of the community are being met.



*In the district's quest to be the best, we are committed to the following concepts:*

#### **Instructional Goals**

- To continue to improve literacy skills at all levels, as literacy is the fundamental building block of all education.
- To continue to include social skill development as a vital component of a student's overall education, and safety (including bully reduction strategies).
- To develop a written individual plan for success for any student that does not achieve District and State standards.
- To continue to improve efforts to ensure that a student entering ninth grade is prepared to be successful in High School.
- To improve the high school graduation rate to 90% by 2010 we will study the reasons that students are not successfully graduating
- To offer the widest breadth of high quality programs that can be financially sustained.

#### **Finances:**

- The Board of Education will continue to explore cost sharing opportunities with OCM BOCES, other educational organizations or municipal entities under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools.
- The Board of Education will explore consolidation of schools.
- The Board of Education will continue to work to insure that any new funding formula is fair, without unfunded mandates.
- The Board of Education will continue to encourage and support alternative revenue sources.

#### **Facilities:**

- The Board of Education will support the Superintendent and Director of Finances as they monitor and direct both the design and implementation of the 2007 Capital Project.

#### **Communications:**

- The Board of Education will continue to improve communication among parents, school personnel, students, and the community to further educational achievement among its students.
- The Board of Education will continue to monitor the development and expansion of programs that facilitate positive relations in the community.
- During the 2007 - 08 school year the Board will support the development of a professionally done brochure about the positive attributes of the district.
- The Board of Education will support the research of ideas and activities to enhance the welcoming climate in each building. We will engage in this goal to make Homer a more cohesive community.