

Top 10 Review Frequently Asked Questions

A strategic plan drives priorities, concentrates energy and resources, **strengthens** operations, and sets measures of success to ensure that all stakeholders are working together toward common goals.

Why is the Top 10 strategic education plan being reviewed?

Any organization that strives for continuous improvement should periodically review and update its strategic plan. Michigan's Top 10 in 10 strategic education plan was approved by the State Board of Education in February of 2016.

Who is involved in this review?

This plan review will engage MDE staff, stakeholders of the education community and other critical partners in the creation of Michigan's strategic education plan.

What are the steps involved in the review process?

MDE will be conducting and facilitating semi-structured interviews with MDE staff members and the education community to receive feedback on the current issues facing education in Michigan, potential strategic plan goals, and metrics to measure progress. Once the interviews are completed, a survey will be developed and made available to all interested individuals across the state to further refine the goals and metrics.

What are the expected outcomes for this review?

Once feedback from the review is received, the education community will have a strategic education plan that clarifies and streamlines the goals, helps focus the education community around collective efforts, adds metrics that align with the goals, and helps monitor progress toward becoming a Top 10 education state.

When is this review happening?

Feedback through interviews will be collected between November 2019 and January 2020. A survey will be developed and made available to provide feedback to further refine the goals and metrics starting in January 2020 through February 2020. The draft strategic plan is expected to be presented to the State Board of Education in the spring of 2020.

Who is responsible for implementing this plan?

Once Michigan's strategic education plan has been finalized, all members of Michigan's educational community will be responsible for implementing the plan. Education community members are asked to establish partnerships and develop operational plans that define activities that will lead to the successful completion of the goals defined within the plan.