

# Students' interpretations breathe life into NSCSD Mission & Goals

## Superintendent's Student Council helps share common goals



Superintendent Speech is pictured with Superintendent's Student Council Co-Presidents Sarah Wicks and Jerimiah Butler at the group's February 4 meeting. During the meeting, the student group worked together to develop a plan for sharing the mission statement with local businesses.

On August 11, 2014, the North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education formally adopted a new mission statement and goals, which were developed with input from all district stakeholders working **together** to set a direction for the district.

Since that time, a great deal of work has been done to share the mission and goals with all students,

families, staff and community members. One of the greatest efforts being made to communicate these common objectives is being undertaken by students in the district.

As co-presidents of the district's Superintendent's Student Council, C-NS sophomores Sarah Wicks and Jerimiah Butler took it upon themselves to share the district mission and goals with their peers. The pair worked with the high school English Department to develop a writing assignment to prompt students to relate to the mission statement.

After compiling and reviewing the students' responses, Sarah and Jerimiah presented the collective thoughts.

They wrote, "Most of the responses revolved around central themes. Several students indicated that the significance of a mission statement is to set goals that [move people] forward." One student, Brandon McCarthy stated, "The statement is significant to [provide] guidance and direction that ensures everyone is doing their best."

Jerimiah shared his own response to the project individually. He stated, "One cannot actively pursue the goals without a set of guidelines to pave the way. Everyone with a set of guidelines has a reason for these guidelines; a purpose or significance. The significance of the North

### **North Syracuse Central School District**

#### **Mission Statement**

*The students, residents and staff of the North Syracuse Central School District will work collaboratively to ensure a respectful and diversified learning environment.*

*Our collective focus is to provide educational experiences and opportunities that inspire students to reach their individual potential as productive citizens.*



*Adopted by the Board of Education, August 11, 2014*

Syracuse Central School District mission statement is to establish a state of mind in which students and staff focus upon their goals in order to reach a higher level of education and experience."

He went on to write, "Not only does the mission statement impact the student body as a whole, but it also affects the individual. It inspires the student to be their best and reflect often upon their personal goals."

Jerimiah's thoughts were echoed by fellow student Alantis May, who said, "This mission statement will personally affect me because I know what is expected of me and what I have to do to succeed."

In the upcoming months, Sarah and Jerimiah will continue their efforts to familiarize the community with the North Syracuse Central School District's mission statement by assembling a group of student volunteers who will visit local businesses and request that they display a copy of the district's mission statement.

Sarah and Jerimiah are happy about the work they are doing for the district. They said, "We are making exciting progress in the district. We are going to maintain a strong collaboration between the superintendent and the students to help make this district's future a very promising one."

## PARENT NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT WORK AND PHOTOS

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