

TPS Headlines

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Planning for the Future

On behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Jeff Hurok, Gina Moore, and Medha Narvekar, I write to tell you that The Philadelphia School has engaged the firm of EduInnovations, led by Jean Lamont and Sally Mixsell, to facilitate the development of a new strategic plan for the school. The firm has extensive experience in guiding schools through strategic planning and implementation.

Last spring's Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools accreditation review gave high marks in most areas of the school. However, the accreditation team also strongly suggested that it was time to undertake a strategic planning process, as the last plan was written over five years ago. With new leadership in the school and our planned acquisition of the property at 2501-15 South Street, strategic planning is an important and timely opportunity.

We expect to emerge from this planning process with a set of concrete goals broadly supported by the TPS community, as well as with specific steps and metrics for measuring progress toward accomplishing these goals. Far from sitting on a shelf collecting dust, the strategic plan will be a living document that the board and school leadership will review on a regular basis to measure progress toward a vision for the future.

To help focus and guide our planning work, we have created a web-based survey that will help us incorporate the perspectives of various TPS constituencies – current and past parents, current and past faculty and staff, board members, and alumni – into our work. These data, in concert with the accreditation report, will serve as a foundation for planning. We will share our strategic plan with the TPS community upon its completion in late spring.

I am using this month's issue of [TPS Headlines](#) as an additional way to "advertise" the online survey. You may have already received an email, a letter in the mail, or even a Facebook message with the link to the survey.

If you have not received the link, please email us at tpswebmaster@tps.school.org to request it. The survey is open now and will be available for two weeks, until Monday, January 21st. It should take only ten to fifteen minutes to complete.

I thank you in advance for participating in the survey and helping to shape the future of the school about which we all care so much.