

# Octorara Administration Office

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Octorara School Community:

The Octorara Area School District has initiated the 28 day review cycle for its new Comprehensive Plan. This process, directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is a critical part of ensuring a continued focus on student success and district-wide systems that support student achievement.

Octorara's Comprehensive Plan, which provides direction for continuous improvement through June 2024, includes six sections: *Goals and Action Steps*, *Student Services Assurances*, *Gifted Education Plan*, *Professional Development Plan*, *Academic Standards and Assessment*, and *Teacher Induction Plan*. Creating the plan was part of an ongoing process in which quantitative and qualitative data was analyzed to assess the strengths, needs, and systematic challenges of the school district. To sustain momentum for completing the goals and action steps, an annual report entitled "Measuring Success in the Home of the Braves" will be published every December.

A draft of the plan has been posted to the school district's website. Beginning Monday, October 18, 2021 paper copies of the plan can be viewed in the district administrative office during regular business hours, at the Atglen Public Library located at 413 Valley Avenue in Atglen, Pennsylvania, the Parkesburg Public Library located at 105 West Street in Parkesburg, Pennsylvania, and the Moores Memorial Library, 9 West Slokom Avenue, in Christiana, Pennsylvania.

The plan's goals and action steps will be shared on Monday, October 25th during the Education Committee meeting. Public comment about the plan will be reviewed during the school board's November 8th work session. A final version of the plan will be approved at the November 15th school board meeting in preparation for submitting the plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Questions and comments about the plan should be directed to [morner@octorara.org](mailto:morner@octorara.org).

The school district looks forward to receiving your feedback.

Sincerely,  
Michele M. Orner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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