**Niles Elementary School District 71**

**Niles, Il 60714**

May 3, 2017

Dear Culver Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to announce the launch of our strategic planning process to determine a common vision and direction for the future of Culver School. The process is designed to engage stakeholders from every corner of our community, including all parents.

There will be two opportunities for parents to participate in focus group meetings.  The first Parent Focus Group meeting is Tuesday, May 2nd at 5:00 pm in the Board room.  The second Parent Focus Group will be in the morning on Tuesday, May 9th at 8:15 am in the Board room.  These forums should last about an hour.

The focus groups will be conducted by our HYA consultants, Steve Humphrey and Pam Hollich.  During the session, you will be asked for your thoughts regarding community values, district strengths and challenges, significant issues you would like the district to address in the next three to five years, and your vision for the future of our District.

Your participation is very important.  Feedback gathered in focus group sessions will be used to guide the remainder of the strategic planning process and be incorporated into our strategic plan.   Please note all parents will also have an opportunity to provide input into the process through a district-wide survey beginning May 1.

Thank you in advance for your input and time!

Sincerely,

John Kosirog, Ed.D.
Superintendent