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## THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL INVITES COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION DURING STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) has embarked on its strategic planning process and invites the public to participate. Additionally, this plan coincides with the independent school's accreditation process through the Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS). The convergence of both plans will illuminate the school's direction for the next five years. The focus group meeting participants will brainstorm around six goals established by the Board of Trustees. The community-wide, public focus group meeting will take place in the Trianon at 21 Broadmoor Avenue on **Monday, October 20, 6:30 - 9 p.m.**

“As an independent school serving Pre-Kindergarten – 12th grade students, we feel it is very important to invite the entire community to participate in our strategic planning process,” said Kevin Reel, Head of School at The Colorado Springs School. “We are preparing students of our community for their future. It is an important task and it has a widespread community impact. We encourage everyone to take an active role in shaping our future.”

The Board of Trustees has determined six general goals toward which the school should strive. The six goals are:

- **Mission-Centered.** Cultivate an extended CSS community culture that embraces the values of the mission statement.
- **Focused Professionalism.** Attract and retain the highest caliber faculty and staff.
- **Educational Excellence.** Align the curriculum to best prepare students for a diverse and changing world.

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- **Inspirational Environment.** Create a welcoming, healthy, challenging, and transformative learning environment.
- **Community Awareness.** Achieve prominence as a top college-preparatory school with a unique and innovative program.
- **Financial Strength.** Build a culture of financial stewardship.

The strategic plan is composed of these six goals, plus specific objectives for each goal. The October 20 meeting is one way the school is brainstorming possible objectives to include in the Strategic Plan.

“The strongest ideas of will be used, regardless of whether they came from our neighbors, a student, a parent, or a trustee,” said Kevin Reel.

The October 20, meeting will consist of brief introductory remarks followed by three sessions, each about 25 minutes long. In each session, participants will have the chance to choose one discussion room in which a moderator will lead the group in brainstorming possible ways to accomplish one goal. There will be one room set aside for casual conversation and refreshments.

R.S.V.P.s are not necessary to attend the focus group meeting. For more information about The Colorado Springs School, visit [www.css.org](http://www.css.org).

### **About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)**

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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