

**Southern Valley Unified Union School District**  
**Mission and Vision Survey**  
**2017-2018**

Dear School Community Partners,

The new Southern Valley Unified Union School District, comprised of Readsboro and Halifax, want you to partner with us to make our school culture the most positive it can be! We believe our mission is to prepare and empower our students to be life-long learners and valued members of their communities, we are requesting that you complete the following Community Partner survey. Your input is critical on how effective our school is, in encouraging student achievement, and preparing students to enter an ever-increasing technological and global work force through a curriculum that has rigor and relevance to the everyday world.

As we transition from two separate school districts into one we realize we must make changes. If we are truly about change, we need to know what changes are necessary and the most important way we can do this is to know what your expectations are: What would make us more effective in promoting student achievement? What is positive about our schools and what are the areas that need improvement in order to fulfill our mission?

We value your participation in our vision to ensure a dynamic and engaging school culture for the benefit of all students and we welcome your involvement and contribution as equal partners in making new Southern Valley Unified School District of Halifax and Readsboro the best it can be!

Please return or submit these surveys by November 17, 2017. You may send or drop them off at either schools, or town clerk's office.

I represent             Students  
                               Teachers  
                               Parents  
                               Board Members  
                               Community Members  
                               Other: please specify \_\_\_\_\_

\*1. Identify what you see as characteristics and attributes of a highly effective school.

\*2. Name 3 strengths of the Halifax and/or Readsboro Public Schools (What are the things it does well? What are the best components, etc.)

- Halifax:

- Readsboro:

\*3. Name 3 areas for improvement (What are areas that need immediate improvement? What are the weakest elements of our district? Please be specific)

- Halifax:

- Readsboro:

\*4. What do you expect Southern Valley School District to provide your child?

\*5. Do you feel our district is preparing your child for a successful future? If not, why?  
Please explain.

\*6. Parents have adequate opportunities to participate in school policy/program development. Circle your answer and please explain:            YES            NO

Please explain your answer:

\*7. Over the past 3 years, how would you characterize your overall attitude towards our district?

\*8. What can the district do to improve your overall opinion?

\*9. In your opinion, what would a successful school community look like?

\*10. In your opinion, what do you think our buildings/grounds/facilities need for the future of our district?

Current Vision Statements:

### **Halifax**

**The vision of the Halifax School District is to develop a sense of connection among all members of the community. School is not just a place, but also a set of relationships among individuals, students, school staff, parents/guardians and the community at large. We are all part of the learning process, all learning from each other. We provide an educational experience for all students that provide them a lifelong basis for kindness, courtesy, cooperation, educational curiosity, and a striving for excellence. Teachers are also learners striving for improvement and growth. We act to ensure that our school maximizes student learning, thinking, and problem solving skills in order that children who attend the Halifax School will be responsible citizens capable of meeting their own needs, the needs of their community, and the needs of society. We instruct students in the following guidelines that enable them to meet the school's vision and their greatest potential.**

### **Readsboro**

**Readsboro Central School will help students to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills by offering a differentiated, challenging, and effective curriculum, including a wide range of academic, cultural, and physical activities. We will create a caring, safe, and supportive environment fostered by positive relationships between students and staff, as well as communication and interaction with parents and community members.**