

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**2009- 2010 Goals**  
**June 15, 2009**

1. Develop a budget model which enables a thorough and speedy analysis of the school district's priorities in light of changes in funding levels and mandates. Prior to finalizing model, review other high achieving, low cost school districts for cost saving practices and determine if Bernards Township School District should adopt similar practices to ensure that the highest priority is given to student achievement.

**This goal was referred to the finance committee and is due back to the full board for review in September.**

2. Review K-12 drug and alcohol prevention programs with the goal of recommending changes and/or improvements as necessary to address problem of underage drinking and illegal drug use. If possible, determine why Bernards Township rates are higher than the national average.

**The district has accepted an invitation from Rutgers University to participate in a federally funded study reviewing the efficacy of adolescent drug and alcohol prevention programs. An administrator and board member are monitoring the study and its results. The curriculum committee will review current prevention programs over the course of the year.**

3. Increase public participation and awareness without incurring large costs.

**This goal was referred to the community relations committee. The committee will develop a plan for lobbying Trenton. The committee will develop cost effective ways to inform/engage the public. Finally, the committee will regularly report its activities to the full board.**