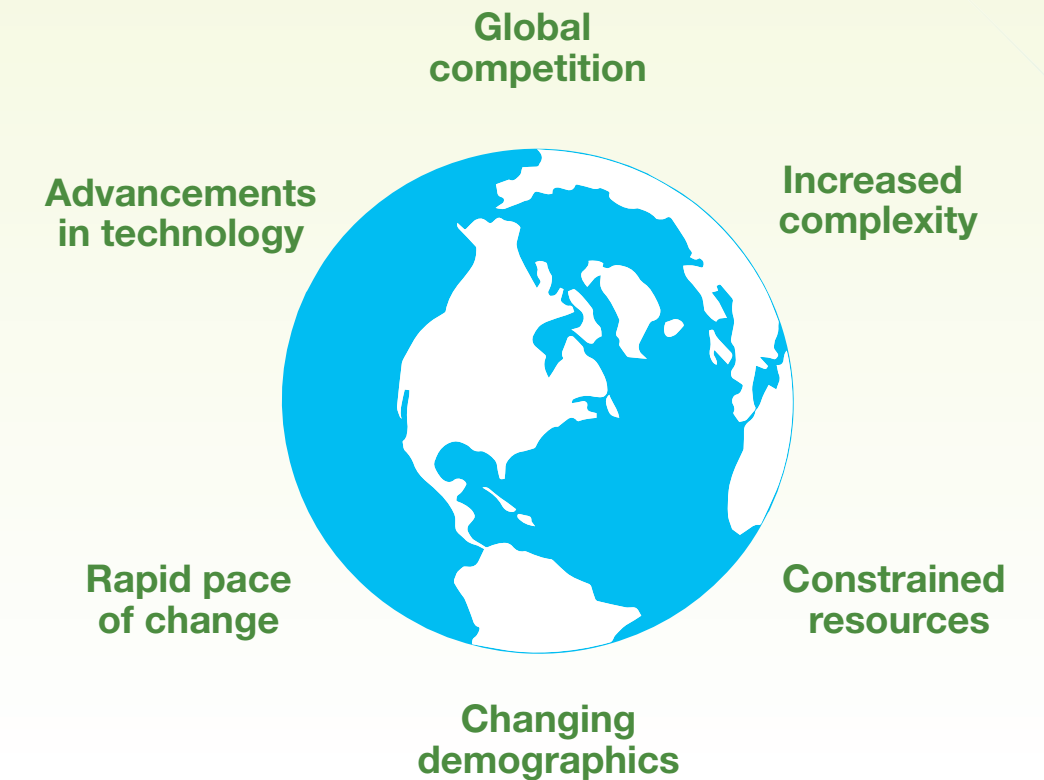


# Our Journey

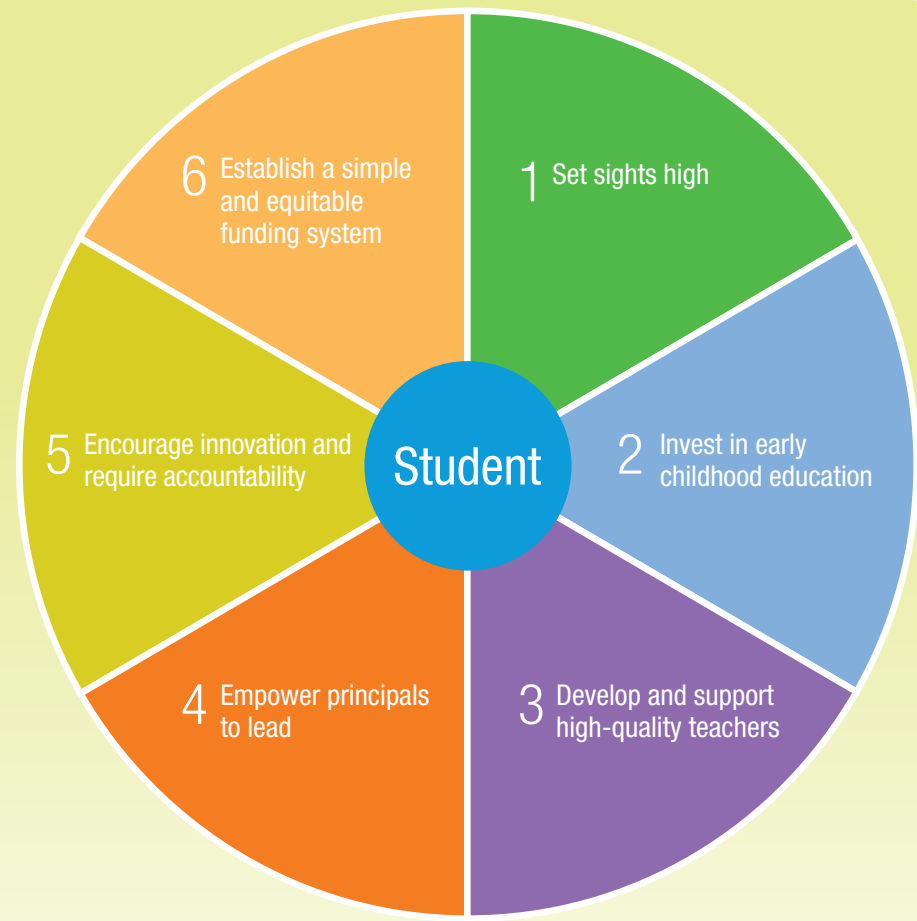


Building toward our future... because the world isn't slowing down

Education does not exist in a vacuum, and the world isn't going to slow down and wait for our kids to catch up. We are continuing our work through ED25 because we need to collectively address these issues so our students can be successful in a changing world. We have an exciting opportunity to design the future rather than watch it happen.



# The Vision 2015 Plan



Since it was created in 2006, Vision 2015 has grown from an idea, to a cause, to an agent for change. Shaped by teachers, parents, and leaders from across the state, Vision 2015 set a goal of building the best education system in the world for every Delaware student. The vision was emphatic and clear: We must demand excellent schools... no exceptions, no excuses. Together we must offer a great education for every student in Delaware. The resulting Vision 2015 plan was clear and inspiring, focusing on six major system improvements.

How you can learn more and help. Join us.

Collectively, we have a tall task: To prepare our students for careers, further education, and citizenship in a world we cannot predict. We have the will and ability to give every student a world-class education. Please join us as we take the next step on this journey.

Learn more by visiting [www.visioncoalitionde.org](http://www.visioncoalitionde.org) and <http://ED25.MindMixer.com>, and look for our new plan in early 2015!



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# Building toward our future



**Ernest J. Dianastasis**  
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In 2006, a broad cross-section of Delaware's leaders came together with a singular goal in mind—create the best schools in the world for every student in Delaware. To accomplish this, the Vision 2015 plan was created by a 28-member Steering Committee, composed of educators, community leaders, business representatives, and leading public officials from across the state.

Together, we've accomplished much of the original plan in less than a decade, motivated by the desire to see every student reach his or her potential and to ensure our public education system is improving every year and striving to be world-class.

Think about the children who entered first grade this fall. What skills will they need to gain in the next ten years to prepare them for the world that awaits them? This question guides our next phase of work as we build on the foundation of the Vision 2015 plan.

We're motivated by this challenge and excited about the work we have done thus far in developing "A Vision for Education in Delaware in 2025," also known as "ED25." Thousands of Delawareans have weighed in on the draft plan, including students, families, educators, community-based organizations, policymakers, foundations, faith communities, criminal justice communities, higher education, and more. We look forward to sharing the final version publicly in early 2015.

As chair of the Vision Coalition of Delaware, I hope you will join us in our efforts to prepare every Delaware student for a lifetime of success.

Sincerely,

Ernest J. Dianastasis  
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