

# **Shrewsbury Public Schools**



**State of the District  
January 27, 2021**

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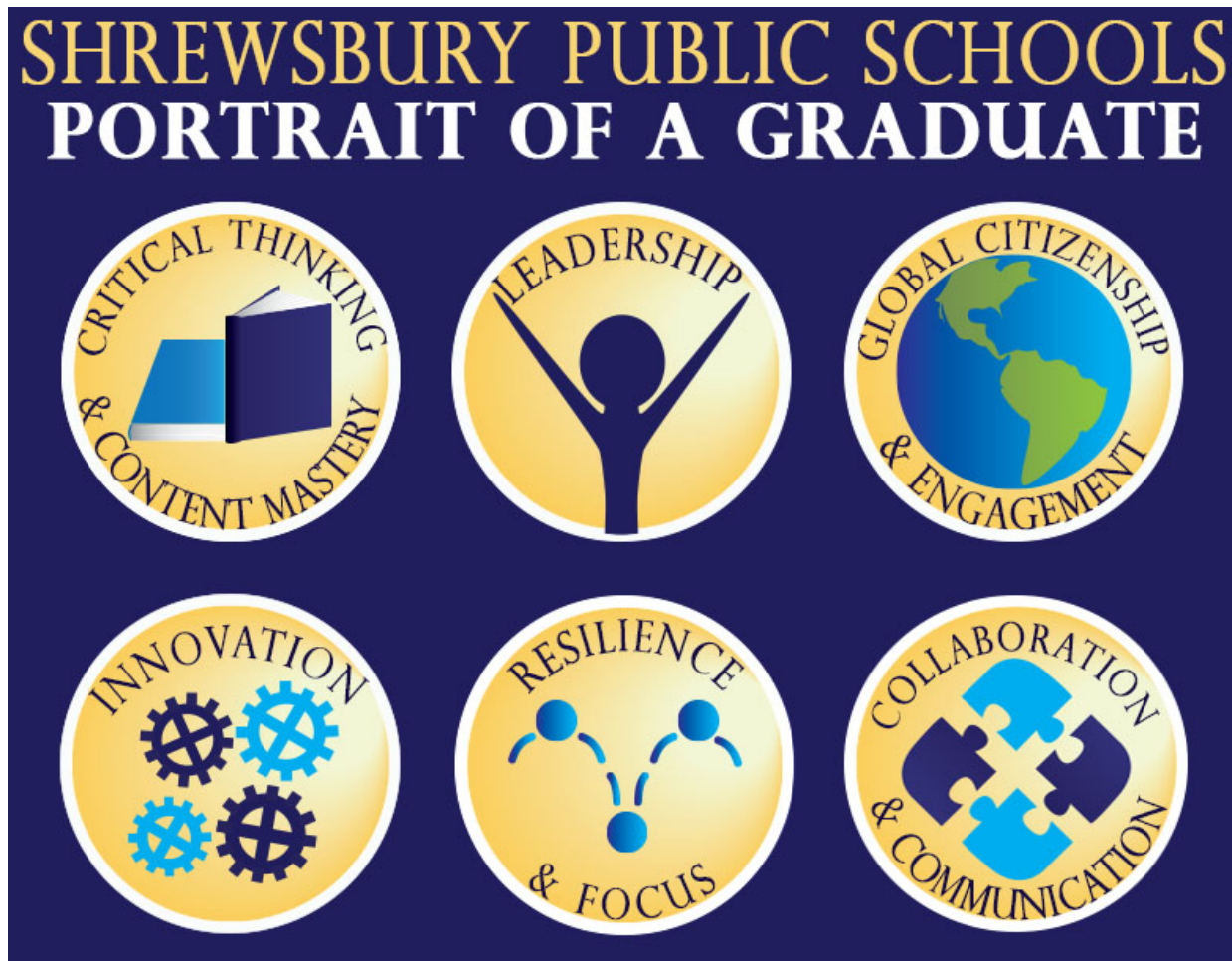
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*The quality of education in the Shrewsbury Public Schools is in serious jeopardy.*

# We have a strong vision



# We have important priorities

## Strategic Priorities 2018-2022



**We have a community-supported solution to our elementary school space needs**



# **We have a longstanding structural funding dilemma**

*“I believe that our community will not have sufficient financial resources to fund this budget plan.”*

— Superintendent’s budget message January 20, 2016

**(Slide used in budget presentations where reductions were required for the 2016-2017 school year)**



# **We have a longstanding structural funding dilemma**

*What will our community do to solve the structural funding dilemma that jeopardizes the future quality of public education in Shrewsbury?*

**(Question that has been posed in multiple SPS budget presentations beginning in 2018)**

**The future possibility of  
significantly compromised  
educational quality is now  
dangerously close to  
becoming our reality**

*What will our community do to solve the  
structural funding dilemma that jeopardizes  
the future quality of public education in  
Shrewsbury?*

# **What we need**

Transparency

Advocacy

Leadership

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Transparency *to build trust*

Advocacy *for what our kids & educators need*

Leadership *to do what's right for our children and  
our community*