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Governor Ruth Ann Minner's Goals for Delaware

Schools that set high standards and prepare children for college, work and life

- Implement and refine educational accountability
- Make sure children learn basic skills at an early age
- Help children with problems before they fall behind
- Promote and protect teachers
- Refine charter schools and school choice

A Livable Delaware that strengthens communities and preserves quality of life

- Direct growth to community and developing areas where state, county and local governments are prepared for it and infrastructure investment is planned
- Continue to preserve agricultural lands and open space
- Protect and improve the quality of Delaware's land, water and air

Health, safety and self-sufficiency for every Delaware family

- Affordable and accessible health care
- Improve quality and coverage of health insurance
- Continue welfare-to-work
- Expand and encourage adult education and job training
- Improve foster care and Delaware's adoption system
- Focus on prevention of crime, not just punishment

Economic development that nurtures and maintains high quality jobs

- Identify opportunities to strengthen Delaware's economy
- Help small and minority businesses develop and grow
- Ensure that state leaders are effectively engaged with Delaware's top employers
- Maintain fair and consistent tax policies and avoid tax increases
- Create an environment in which business and government are productive partners

A state government that is well-managed

- Continue sound fiscal practices
- Utilize e-government to improve service, reduce lines and remove bureaucratic barriers
- Value the ideas and contributions of all state employees
- Streamline merit rules and hiring process
- Develop a diverse workforce that reflects Delaware