

# Melissa Welz Professional Growth Plan



## TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Transformational leadership is a style that I believe changes you and the people that listen to you. This style encourages, inspires, and motivates everyone around you; including yourself.

Transformational leaders possess the ability to move followers to accomplish more than what's expected (Northouse, 2019).

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## EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LEADER

I would like to take part in many uses of technology to transform learning in the visual and performing arts world. I would like to have a strong leadership that creates a shared vision of technology that helps build the North Bergen School district's Visual and Performing Arts programs. Technology alone does not transform learning; rather, technology helps enable transformative learning. Education leaders need personal experience with learning technologies, an understanding of how to deploy these resources effectively, and a community-wide vision for how technology can improve learning.

MISSION

## MY MISSION

*"To serve as a leader in the Music and Visual Arts industry, live a balanced life, and apply ethical principles to make significant differences in our educational system. I would also like to be known for inspiring my students to be more than they thought they could be."*

*~ Melissa Welz*

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## MY VISION

My vision begins with transforming learning in our Visual and Performing Arts world. Once these goals are clear, technology can be used to open new possibilities for accomplishing the vision that would otherwise be out of reach.

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## SHORT TERM GOALS

- Present at various leadership conferences.
- Have a strong following on social media, such as Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok.
- Complete all NJCU Ed.D Technology Educational Leadership classes.
- Revise Hudson County Visual and Performing Arts curriculum with technology enhanced learning.

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## LONG TERM GOALS

- build apps for learning enhancement.
- write a book on "self love".
- build a strong following on social media accounts.
- Build a successful podcast.
- Graduate with honors of the NJCU Ed.D Educational Technology Leadership program.

"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it."

*~Steve Jobs*

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## BENCHMARK OBJECTIVES 2023-2024

complete coursework of NJCU's Ed.D Educational Technology Leadership Program.  
Publish a "self love" book.

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## BENCHMARK OBJECTIVES 2022-2023

- complete year 1 coursework of NJCU's Ed.D Educational Technology Leadership Program.
- Develop working relationships with Cohort 10 members.
- Purchase domain website of [www.melissawelz.com](http://www.melissawelz.com)
- Attend EdgeConat Princeton University - October 2022
- present at Annual Technology and Learning Conference at Montgomery County Community College - Spetmeber 2022
- present at NJASL conference in Atlantic City - December 2022

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## BENCHMARK OBJECTIVES 2024-2025

Successfully defend my dissertation.

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