### **Action Plan #2: Language Arts**

#### **Improvement Goal:**

All students will read and comprehend a variety of genres (types) and informational text, as well as communicate ideas through writing.

### **Expectation(s) for Student Learning:**

All students will read with fluency.

All students will comprehend written text.

All students will communicate ideas through writing.

All students will use technology research tools to locate, evaluate, and collect information in order to process data and report results.

All students will use a variety of media and formats to collaborate, publish, and communicate information and ideas effectively to multiple audiences.

### **Target Participants:**

All students in Joan Martin Elementary School

Subgroups:

Free and Reduced

**Special Education** 

#### Interventions:

#### **Curriculum, Instructional, and Assessment**

All students will increase reading and writing skills by monitoring progress based on Common Core State Standards.

All students will increase reading and writing skills as a result of participating in balanced literacy.

All students will increase fluency and comprehension by using reading skills/strategies with a variety of texts across the curriculum.

All students will increase communication skills by writing across the curriculum.

All students will increase reading and writing skills by using technology tools across the curriculum.

#### **Student Support**

Students will participate in Response to Instruction (RtI) Tiers based on achievement levels.

Students will participate in enriched High Ability courses based on achievement levels.

Students who qualify for additional services will be provided extra instructional support.

Students will increase reading and writing skills in various learning opportunities through family/community participation.

#### Staff

All students will increase reading and writing skills using strategies learned as a result of teacher participation in professional learning communities.

#### **Evaluation:**

School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment System Framework

Standards-based Report Card

Conferring

Checklists/Rubrics

Record of Oral Language

### **Timeframe for Implementation:**

2012-2016

Target Area of Improvement: Language Arts - Fluency, Comprehension, Technology, and Communication

| ACTIONS  | SCHEDULE  | RESPONSIBILITIES  | MONITORNING           | RESOURCES               |
|--|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Intervention: Common Core State Standards                | 2012-2016 | -Elementary Staff | -Classroom            | -Classroom assessments  |
| 1. All students will increase reading and writing skills |           |                   | assessments           | -Checklists             |
| by monitoring progress based on CCSS                     |           |                   | -Conferring           | -Rubrics                |
| A. School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment           |           |                   | -Checklists           | -Reader's/Writer's      |
| System Framework   |           |                   | -Rubrics              | Notebook                |
|  |           |                   | -Reader's/Writer's    | -Standards-Based Report |
|  |           |                   | notebooks             | Cards                   |
|  |           |                   | -Raz Kids             | -Fast ForWord           |
|  |           |                   | - Reading A to Z      | -SCOH Balanced          |
|  |           |                   | -Standards-Based      | Assessment System       |
|  |           |                   | Report Cards          | Framework               |
|  |           |                   | -Grade level meetings |                         |
|  |           |                   | -Fast ForWord -SCOH   |                         |
|  |           |                   | Balanced Assessment   |                         |

|  |           |                              | System Framework   |                        |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Intervention Balanced Literacy                           | 2012-2016 | -Lead: Literacy Coordinators | -ISTEP             | -Leveled reading books |
| 1. All students will increase reading and writing skills |           | -Administrators              | -NWEA              | -Benchmark kits        |
| as a result of participating in balanced literacy.       |           | -Elementary Staff            | -Running records   | -Teachers College      |
| A. Just Right Books - Students will read at their        |           |                              | -Observations      | -Professional          |
| independent reading level.                               |           |                              | -Anecdotal notes   | Development            |
| B. Phonics/Word Study - Students will learn how          |           |                              | -Reading logs      | -Books for read alouds |
| letters and sounds work together to form words.          |           |                              | -Conference notes  | -Making Meaning        |
| C. Small Group Instruction - Students will receive       |           |                              | -Lesson plans      | -Big Books             |
| small group instruction based on their independent       |           |                              | -Turn and talk     | -Flip charts           |
| reading levels to aid in comprehension.                  |           |                              | discussion         | -District Website      |
| D. Independent Reading (Differentiation) - Students      |           |                              | -Classroom         | -Writer's notebooks    |
| will read daily to increase stamina up to 30 minutes.    |           |                              | assessments        | -Writing folders       |
| E. Read Alouds - Students will participate in read       |           |                              | -Written pieces of | -Chart paper           |
| alouds daily.  |           |                              | work               | -Overhead projector    |
| F. Shared Reading - Students will participate in shared  |           |                              | -Group discussion  | -Sitton Spelling       |
| reading 2-3 times weekly.                                |           |                              | -Rubrics           | -Being a Writer        |
| G. Interactive Reading - Students will actively          |           |                              | -SCOH Balanced     | -Reading A-Z           |
| participate in interactive reading.                      |           |                              | Assessment System  | -Odyssey Compass       |
| H. Interactive Writing - Students will observe a         |           |                              | Framework          | Learning               |
| teacher modeling writing and will also take a turn at    |           |                              |                    | -Heggerty: Phonemic    |
| writing a portion.                                       |           |                              |                    | Awareness              |
| I. Shared Writing - Students will observe a teacher      |           |                              |                    | -Write Source          |
| modeling writing and will give verbal suggestions, but   |           |                              |                    | -Learn 360             |
| they will not actually do any writing themselves.        |           |                              |                    | -Scholastic Read 180   |
| J. Independent Writing (Differentiation) - Students      |           |                              |                    | -Classroom News        |
| will learn and improve independent writing skills and    |           |                              |                    | Magazines              |
| strategies by participating in daily instructional time  |           |                              |                    | -Smekens               |
| focused on teaching children to independently apply      |           |                              |                    | -SCOH Balanced         |

| writing skills and strategies in their own writing  |           |                             |   | Assessment System   |
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| pieces.   |           |                             |   | Framework   |
| K. Literature Circles - Students will participate in  |           |                             |   |   |
| literature circles, small temporary groups, which are   |           |                             |   |   |
| based upon book choice. The groups will meet on a   |           |                             |   |   |
| regular basis to discuss their reading through open   |           |                             |   |   |
| and natural conversations about books.  |           |                             |   |   |
| L. Curricular Calendars/Units of Study- Students will   |           |                             |   |   |
| receive focused reading/writing instruction by  |           |                             |   |   |
| participating in mini-lessons derived from specific   |           |                             |   |   |
|   |           |                             |   |   |
| units of study, mapped out per month in   |           |                             |   |   |
| reading/writing curricular calendars.   |           |                             |   |   |
| M.  |           |                             |   |   |
| Intervention: Writing Across the Curriculum  1. All students will increase communication skills by writing across the curriculum.  A. Genre Writing- Students will write various genre essays with an emphasis on persuasive, opinion, and argumentative writing  B. Constructed Response- Students will read informational text by participating in regular reading responses in response to current events.  C. 6+1 Writing Trait Rubrics/Conference/Checklists-Students will become writers by receiving guidance from assessments that detail the levels of proficiency in writing. | 2012-2016 | -Principals - K-12 Teachers | -School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment System Framework - Writing Curriculum Maps -Constructed Response Rubrics - 6+1 Writing Traits - Rubrics/Conference Check Lists | -School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment System Framework - Writing Curriculum Maps - Professional Development Catalog - Google Docs - 6 + 1 Writing Traits Materials - Rubrics/Conference Check Lists -TRC (District Web site) -Current Event Articles -Smeken's Workshop and Web site -Being a Writer |
| Intervention: Fluency and Comprehension by Using  | 2012-2016 | -Elementary Staff           | -Teacher participation  | -Building Academic  |
|   |           |                             |   |   |
| Reading Skills/Strategies   |           | -Literacy Coordinators      | in professional   | Vocabulary by   |

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| comprehension by using reading skills/strategies with    |           |                   | -Student performance | -Strategies That Work by |
| a variety of texts across the curriculum.                |           |                   | of Dramatic          | Harvey and Goudvis       |
| A. Students will increase reading comprehension          |           |                   | Readings/Reader's    | - Classroom Instruction  |
| through direct vocabulary instruction, which focuses     |           |                   | Theater              | that Works by Marzano    |
| on specific words important to the content they are      |           |                   | -Student published   | - Professional           |
| reading.   |           |                   | products             | Development              |
| B. Students will receive instructional strategies to     |           |                   |                      | - Plays                  |
| assist them with reading comprehension (Identifying      |           |                   |                      | - Books                  |
| similarities and differences; Summarizing and note       |           |                   |                      | - Google Docs            |
| taking; Reinforcing effort and providing recognition;    |           |                   |                      | -Powerful Vocabulary for |
| Homework and practice; Nonlinguistic                     |           |                   |                      | Reading Success by       |
| representations; Cooperative learning; Setting           |           |                   |                      | Black & Mangieri         |
| objectives and providing feedback;                       |           |                   |                      | -McGraw Hill Vocabulary  |
| Generating and testing hypotheses; Questions, cues,      |           |                   |                      | Book                     |
| and advance organizers).                                 |           |                   |                      | -Scholastic Read 180     |
| C. Students will increase reading comprehension by       |           |                   |                      | -Odyssey Compass         |
| using strategies to make meaning from what they          |           |                   |                      | Learning                 |
| have read. (Making Connections, Questioning,             |           |                   |                      |                          |
| Visualizing, Inferring, Determining Importance,          |           |                   |                      |                          |
| Synthesizing).   |           |                   |                      |                          |
| D. Dramatic Readings/Reader's Theater - Students will    |           |                   |                      |                          |
| build reading fluency by participating in Dramatic       |           |                   |                      |                          |
| Readings/Reader's Theater.                               |           |                   |                      |                          |
| E. Publish and Present - Students will use a variety of  |           |                   |                      |                          |
| media and formats to collaborate, publish, and           |           |                   |                      |                          |
| communicate information and ideas effectively to         |           |                   |                      |                          |
| multiple audiences.                                      |           |                   |                      |                          |
| Intervention: Technology Tools                           | 2012-2016 | -Elementary Staff | -Odyssey Compass     | -Odyssey Compass         |
| 1. All students will increase reading and writing skills |           |                   | Learning             | Learning                 |

| by using technology tools across the curriculum.        |           |                                     | -Student             | -Computer assisted      |
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| A. Research - Students will use technology research     |           |                                     | Presentations        | instruction             |
| tools to locate, evaluate, and collect information in   |           |                                     | -Scholastic Read 180 | -Internet               |
| order to process data and report results.               |           |                                     | -System 44           | -Word processing        |
| B. Publish and Present - Students will use a variety of |           |                                     | -Fast ForWord        | program                 |
| media and formats to collaborate, publish, and          |           |                                     |                      | -Google Docs            |
| communicate information and ideas effectively to        |           |                                     |                      | -Encyclopedia           |
| multiple audiences.                                     |           |                                     |                      | Britannica on line      |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Scholastic Read 180    |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Responders             |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Tablets (Wireless      |
|   |           |                                     |                      | Clipboard)              |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Fast ForWord           |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -V-Brick                |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Learn 360              |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Book Adventures        |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Reading Counts         |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -System 44              |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Raz Kids               |
|   |           |                                     |                      | -Hover Cam              |
| Intervention: Response to Intervention (RTI)            | 2012-2016 | -Lead: Superintendent and Directors | -SCOH Balanced       | SCOH Balanced           |
| 1. Students will participate in RTI Tiers based on      |           | of Curriculum and Instruction,      | Assessment System    | Assessment System       |
| achievement levels.                                     |           | Principals                          | Framework            | Framework               |
| A. A district-wide RTI policy will be developed with    |           | -Northwest Indiana Special          | -RTI Forms           | -Data Analysis Time     |
| implementation guidelines.                              |           | Education Cooperative (NIESC)       | -RTI Meetings        | -RTI – forms, meetings, |
| B. Tier II intervention will be implemented through     |           | Director                            |                      | policy and guidelines,  |
| "Increased Academic Learning Time" including the        |           | -Elementary Staff                   |                      | curriculum materials, & |
| following:  |           | -LRE Facilitators/Paraprofessionals |                      | TRC                     |
| -Ability (Readiness) Groups - Strategy Groups           |           | -Literacy Coordinators              |                      | - Professional          |

| -Double Blocking  |           | -EL Teachers/Paraprofessionals       |                      | Development RTI          |
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| C. Tier II and Tier III will be implemented through     |           | -RTI Team                            |                      | -Curriculum Materials    |
| intense intervention with additional support services.  |           |                                      |                      | RTI                      |
| -Intense Reading Intervention                           |           |                                      |                      | -Harmony                 |
| -Individual Instruction                                 |           |                                      |                      | -Scholastic Learning     |
| -Small Group Instruction                                |           |                                      |                      | -mClass activities       |
|   |           |                                      |                      | -Acuity Instructional    |
|   |           |                                      |                      | Materials                |
| Intervention: Enriched and High Ability                 | 2012-2016 | -Lead: Central Office Administrators | -SCOH Balanced       | -SCOH Balanced           |
| 1. Students will participate in Enriched and High       |           | -Principals                          | Assessment System    | Assessment System        |
| Ability courses based on achievement levels.            |           | -Elementary Staff                    | Framework            | Framework                |
| A. Enriched Curriculum                                  |           |                                      |                      | -Professional Learning   |
| -Small Group Instruction                                |           |                                      |                      | Communities              |
| -Enriched Instruction                                   |           |                                      |                      | -Common Plan Time        |
| B. High Ability   |           |                                      |                      | -Harmony                 |
| -Magnet High Ability Grades 2-5                         |           |                                      |                      | -High Ability Policy and |
|   |           |                                      |                      | Guidelines               |
|   |           |                                      |                      | -TRC (District Web site) |
| Intervention: Instructional Support Services            | 2012-2016 | -Lead: Central Office Administrators | -SCOH Balanced       | -SCOH Balanced           |
| 1. Students who qualify for additional services will be |           | -Principals                          | Assessment System    | Assessment System        |
| provided extra support services.                        |           | -Elementary Staff                    | Framework            | Framework                |
| A. Special Education                                    |           | -EL Coordinator                      |                      | -Professional Learning   |
| B. English Learners (EL)                                |           | -Special Education Staff             |                      | Communities              |
|   |           |                                      |                      | -Common Plan Time        |
|   |           |                                      |                      | -Harmony                 |
|   |           |                                      |                      | -TRC (District Web site) |
|   |           |                                      |                      | -IEP Advantage           |
|   |           |                                      |                      | -Case Conferences        |
| Intervention: Family/Community Involvement              | 2012-2016 | -Elementary Staff                    | -Monitoring Info NOW | -Harmony parent          |

| 1. All students will increase reading and writing skills |           | -Administrators                | usage                 | information packet      |
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| in various learning opportunities through                |           | -Technology Department         | -Monitoring website   | -School City of Hobart  |
| Family/community participation.                          |           | -Central Office Administration | usage                 | Website                 |
| A. Harmony-  |           |                                | -Family Night         | -open computer lab      |
| Assignments/Grades/Discipline/Attendance                 |           |                                |                       |                         |
| B. Family Nights   |           |                                |                       |                         |
| C. Website- Homework Help and Tips                       |           |                                |                       |                         |
| D. Parent Teacher Conferences                            |           |                                |                       |                         |
| E. Building Readers Newsletter                           |           |                                |                       |                         |
| F. Back-to-School Night                                  |           |                                |                       |                         |
| G. Book Fair   |           |                                |                       |                         |
| H. Grandparent/Special Friend Day                        |           |                                |                       |                         |
| I. Open Computer Lab Nights                              |           |                                |                       |                         |
| Intervention: Professional Learning Communities          | 2012-2016 | -Administrators                | - Teacher goal sheets | -Professional           |
| 1. All students will increase reading and writing skills |           | -Elementary Staff              | -Classroom            | Development             |
| using strategies learned as a result of teacher          |           |                                | assessments           | -Book Studies           |
| participation in professional learning communities.      |           |                                | -Enrollment in        | -Data Analysis Training |
| A. Data Analysis   |           |                                | professional          | -Time                   |
| -SCOH Balanced Assessment System Framework               |           |                                | development           | -Literacy Coordinators  |
| B. Best Practices - Book Studies, Grade                  |           |                                | -Grade level meetings | -RTI Committee          |
| Level/Curriculum/Department Meetings/DATA                |           |                                | -District grade level | -SCOH Balanced          |
| Meetings   |           |                                | meetings              | Assessment System       |
| C. Professional Development - In-House Professional      |           |                                | -SCOH Balanced        | Framework               |
| Development Calendar                                     |           |                                | Assessment System     |                         |
|  |           |                                | Framework             |                         |