Action Plan #3: Problem Solving

Improvement Goal:

All students will use problem solving skills to think critically and apply knowledge and reason to solve problems.

Expectation(s) for Student Learning:

All students will compute accurately with and without a calculator.

All students will think and reason effectively.

All students will solve problems accurately and efficiently.

All students will demonstrate problem-solving skills in mathematics and science.

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

All students will communicate clearly using mathematical language and representations by demonstrating skills and knowledge.

All students will use technology resources in developing strategies and making informed decisions for solving problems.

Target Participants:

All students in Joan Martin Elementary School

Subgroups:

Students who are achieving below proficiency level.

Students who are achieving above proficiency level.

Interventions:

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment:

All students will increase skills in mathematics and science by monitoring progress on academic and Indiana Academic Standards (IAS) to determine instructional needs.

All students will increase problem solving skills through differentiated instruction across the mathematics curriculum that emphasizes conceptual understanding.

All students will use reasoning and critical thinking to solve problems that provide relevant, concrete, and everyday problems across the curriculum.

All students will increase problem solving skills by using technology tools across the curriculum.

Student Support:

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

Students may participate in after school clubs and extracurricular activities.

Students will participate in enriched and high ability courses based on achievement levels.

All students will increase problem solving skills through opportunities for family/community participation via Pearson Realize and Home/School connection.

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

Students will participate in afterschool clubs and extracurricular activities.

Staff:

All students will increase problem solving skills as a result of teacher participation in professional learning communities.

Evaluation:

School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment System Framework

Curriculum calendar

Report Card

Conferring

Classroom assessments-Checklists/Rubrics, quizzes, unit tests, formal scales

Common Formative Assessments-Formal Scales, Rubrics, Checklists, Compass Learning Odyssey

Benchmark Assessments-Pivot

External Summative Assessments-ISTEP+, IREAD 3, WIDA, ISTAR, Portfolios

Timeframe for Implementation:

2016-2017

Target Area of Improvement: Mathematics - Computation, Problem-Solving, and Data Analysis

ACTIONS	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBILITIES	MONITORING	RESOURCES
Intervention: Assessment/Differentiated Instruction	2012-2017	-Elementary Staff, as appropriate	-Classroom	-Classroom assessments
for Conceptual Understanding		-Administrators	assessments	-Manipulatives
1. All students will increase skills in mathematics and			-SCOH Balanced	-Calculators
science by monitoring progress on the Indiana			Assessment System	-Software
Academic Standards and Mathematical Practices to			Framework	-Flash cards
determine instructional needs.			-Journals	-Classroom Texts
A. PIVOT will be administered to grades one through			-Rubrics	-Time for data analysis
five every fall and spring with periodic benchmarks to			-Conferring	-RtI
determine goal areas needing remediation for each			-Checklists	-Professional
student.				Development Catalog
B. ISTEP data will be analyzed to determine skill				-Purdue Problem
areas needing remediation for each student.				Centered Mathematics
C. School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment				Project
System Framework				-Indiana Department of
				Education web site,
				ISTEP+ practice

2. All students will increase problem solving skills				-SCOH Balanced
through differentiated instruction across the				Assessment System
curriculum that emphasizes conceptual understanding.				Framework
A. Students will learn basic math facts.				-Fastt Math
B. Students will understand units of measurement and				-Xtra Math
apply appropriate techniques and formulas.				-Prodigy
C. Students will understand and solve algebraic				-Front Row
equations and understand patterns and relationships				-Fraction Nation
between numbers.				-Khan Academy
D. Students will identify, describe, and compare				-Envisions
geometrical shapes.				
E. Students will construct and interpret graphs				
throughout the curriculum as part of data analysis.				
F. Students will learn and apply inquiry-type				
strategies.				
G. Students will have the opportunity to participate in				
study tables and ISTEP Boost.				
Intervention: Reasoning and Critical Thinking To	2012-2017	-Elementary Staff Cross-Curricular	-Classroom	A. Classroom
Solve Problems		-Administrators	assessments	Instruction That Works
1. All students will use reasoning and critical thinking			-Journals	by Robert Marzano
to solve problems that provide relevant, concrete, and			-Rubrics	B. Choice Words by
everyday problems across the curriculum.			-SCOH Balanced	Peter Johnston
A. Students will build academic vocabulary across the			Assessment System	C. The Art and Science
curriculum.			Framework	of Teaching by Robert
B. Students will understand and choose the correct				Marzano
mathematical operation to solve problems across the				-Manipulatives

curriculum. (Example: "Similarities and	-Textbook
Differences/Graphic Organizers" - Marzano)	-SCOH Balanced
C. Students will use mental math/estimation to	Assessment System
understand when an exact answer or an estimate is	Framework
sufficient.	-Envisions
D. Students will develop a set of problem solving	-Pivot
strategies across the curriculum.	-Google Apps
Example:	-SeeSaw
1. READ What is the question?	
2. REREAD What is the necessary information?	
3. THINK Putting together = addition	
Taking apart = subtraction	
Do I need all the information?	
Is it a two-step problem?	
4. SOLVE Write the equation.	
5. CHECK Recalculate	
Label	
Compare	
E. Students will problem solve by using probability,	
data analysis, and statistics across the curriculum.	
Intervention: Defined Curriculum – National or	-Google Apps
Academy Curriculum	-SeeSaw
Students will participate in project/problem	
based learning.	
A. IDOE STEM	

B. Lego Robotics				
Intervention: Technology Tools	2012-2017	-Elementary Staff Cross-Curricular	-Classroom	-Calculators
1. All students will increase problem solving by using		-Administrators	Assessments	-Computers and
technology tools across the curriculum.			-Teacher Observation	Simulation Software
A. Students will construct, interpret, and analyze			-Student Presentations	-Professional
graphs.			-Odyssey Compass	Development Calendar
B. Students will use calculators to solve mathematical			Learning	-Challenger Learning
equations.			-SCOH Balanced	Center (Space
C. Students will use computer simulations to solve			Assessment System	Simulation)
problems			Framework	-Khan Academy
				-Harry Kindergarten on
				YouTube
				-Tablets
				-iPads
				-vBrick
				-BrainPop Jr.
				-Google apps
				-Chromebooks
				-Envisions
				-Pivot
				-SeeSaw

Intervention: Response to Instruction (RtI) 1. Students will participate in RtI Tiers based on achievement levels. A. A district-wide RtI policy is implemented with guidelines. B. Tier II will be implemented through the intervention of "Increased Academic Learning Time" within the classroom including the following: -Achievement Groups - Strategy Groups -Double Blocked Subjects -Computerized Intervention Software C. Tier II and Tier III will be implemented through intense intervention with additional support services. -Computerized Intervention Software -Intense Reading Intervention -Individual Instruction -Small Group Instruction	2012-2017	-Principals -K-12 Teachers -LRE Facilitators -Interventionists -RtI Teams	-SCOH Balanced Assessment System Framework -RtI Forms -RtI Meetings	-SCOH Balanced Assessment System Framework -Professional Learning Communities -Common Planning Time -RtI Policy & Guidelines -RtI Forms & Meetings -Skyward -Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) -System 44 -Read 180 -Professional Development RtI -Curriculum Materials RtI -TRC -RAZ Kids -Envisions MDIS
Intervention: Enriched and High Ability 1. Students will participate in Enriched and High Ability courses based on achievement levels. A. Enriched Curriculum -Small Group Instruction -Enriched Courses B. High Ability -Magnet High Ability Grades 2-5	2012-2017	-Lead: Central Office Administrators -Principals -Teachers	-School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment System Framework	-Pivot -Study Tables -ISTEP Boost -School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment System Framework -Professional Learning Communities -Common Planning Time -Skyward -TRC -High Ability Policy and Guidelines

Intervention: Clubs and Extracurricular 1. Students will participate in clubs and extracurricular activities A. Academic Support B. Academic Enrichment C. Athletics D. Performing Arts	2012-2017			-ISTEP Boost -Study Tables
Intervention: Instruction Support Services Students who qualify for additional services will be provided extra instructional support. A. Special Education B. English Learners (EL) C. 504	2012-2017	-Principals - Teachers -EL Coordinator -Special Education Staff -Nurses	-School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment System Framework	-School City of Hobart's Balanced Assessment System Framework -Professional Learning Communities -Common Planning Time -Skyward -TRC (District Web site) -IEP -504 -Case Conferences

Intervention: Family/Community Involvement	2012-2017	-Principals	-Parent/Teacher	-Skyward Parent
1. All students will increase problem solving skills		-Elementary Staff	Conference	Information Packet
through opportunities for family/community		-Central Office Administration	Attendance	-School City of Hobart
participation.		-Technology Department	-Monitoring Harmony	Website
A. Skyward -			usage	Online Assistance:
Assignments/Grades/Discipline/Attendance			-Monitoring Website	-Khan Academy
B. Website - Homework Help and Tips			usage	-FASTT Math
C. Parent/Teacher meetings				-Envisions
D. Homework Hotline				- Fraction Nation
E. Newsletters				-Google Classroom
F. Facebook				-Smore
G. Google Classroom				-Facebook
H. Online Assistance:				-Class Dojo
-Khan Academy				
-FASTT Math				
-Envisions				

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-Google Classroom		
-Smore		
-Facebook		
-Class Dojo		
I. Naviance-Monitoring College and Career		
Planning		

Intervention: Professional Learning Communities	2012-2017	-Administrators	-SCOH Balanced	-Time for Professional
All students will increase problem solving skills as a		-Elementary Staff	Assessment System	Development
result of teacher participation in professional learning		-Interventionists	Framework	-Professional
communities.			-Classroom	Development Calendar
			Assessments	-Book Studies

A. Curriculum Planning- Grade	-	-Teacher Goal Sheets	-SCOH Balanced
Level/Curriculum/Department Meetings	-	-Professional	Assessment System
a. Identification of Critical Standards	I	Development	Framework
b. Curriculum Calendar/Curriculum	I	Enrollment	-Google Apps
Mapping	-	-Grade Level	-Envisions
c. Google Apps		Meetings	-Pivot
d. Skyward	-	-District Grade Level	-Late Start Wednesdays
e. Web Publishing with SchoolWires	l l	Meetings	-Common Plan Times
B. Data Analysis - ISTEP, Classroom			-TRC
Assessments, Pivot, SCOH's Balanced			-RTI Training
Assessment System Framework			
C. Best Practices - Book Studies, Grade			
Level/Curriculum/Department			
Meetings/DATA Meetings			
D. Professional Development - In-House			
Professional Development Calendar,			
Conferences			
E. RtI Teams			