GOAL 1: STUDENT SUCCESS - *Maximize the social-emotional and academic growth of every student.*

Obje	ctive 1.1 Differentiate instructional strategies to support each student's unique learning	needs, interests, and aptitudes.	
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
	Developed survey questions focused on current differentiation practices being implemented		
Identify differentiation strategies currently utilized by teachers K-12	Administered the survey and share survey data of most commonly used differentiation strategies currently being utilized with content area supervisors and special services supervisors	Collection of tools and Survey Data	ACTION COMPLETED
Identify staff learning needs	Developed survey questions focused on enhancing current differentiation strategies Administered the survey and shared survey data with content area supervisors and special services supervisors in order to guide their professional development planning	Survey Data	ACTION COMPLETED
Provide a Professional Development model that will serve as a resource for	Unpacked data from teacher survey as well as identified current tools available	A defined professional development model of differentiation for	Create strategy guide for use by teachers
differentiated instruction	Conducted district-wide walkthroughs	elementary/middle/high school levels	Schedule implementation for Fall 2020
	Objective 1.2 Enhance student services; Branch out guidance into two sections: one for college experience and one for	student success	
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Identify the greatest student needs at various transitions and enhance student supports.	Evaluated survey data - identified two transitions with highest concern: grade 8 to 9 and high school to college	Identification of greatest need and enhancement of supports for student transitions (see next action)	ACTION COMPLETED

Creation of "transition" specific materials and revision of student services programming at major transitions between buildings.	Created context map of existing transition experiences in the district Began 9th grade transition program for those identified as needing additional transition support Initiated Montgomery 360 for HS students and developed monthly topics in addition to inclusion of lessons coordinated with health classes Included addition of parent modules for Montgomery 360 for the 2018-2019 school year Conducted 8th grade HS visit prior to course selection with addition of electives fair Established Peer Helper program at UMS Revised Freshmen Guidebook Provided parents of 8th graders with worksheet for tracking high school courses Established MHS alumni group on LinkedIn Coordinated with Obj 1.3 and 2.1 in creating Portrait of a Graduate competencies at each grade level Established coordination between UMS and MHS mentoring programs to provide continuum of support Ensured MHS staff member met with students at UMS prior to end of the year and made connection with MHS Achieve program	Compilation of transition materials and implementation of new/revised programming Incorporation of revisions to the transition program into counseling/guidance curriculum-revised summer of 2018	ACTION COMPLETED
Develop system for tracking students accessing after-school help.	Investigated methods to track after-school help Utilized Turnstile, once selected, to track extra help during Flex at UMS and beginning with 20 teachers at MHS	Selection of systemTurnstile at UMS during Flex and at MHS after school (piloted by 21 teachers at MHS)	Expand system to more teachers at MHS

	Surveyed 18 public high schools		
Explore the options of separating college from school counseling.	Surveyed college admissions reps who visited MHS (approx. 150)	Survey Data	ACTION COMPLETED
	Researched local private/parochial high schools and their school counseling structures		
	Recommended addition of this a school counselor.		
	Explored the feasibility of adding a middle school SAC	Presentation of proposal for adding a middle school SAC for the 2019-20 school year	
Recommended additional actions to	Researched and implemented risk assessment screening for all students in grades 7-12	Recommendation of screening tool for risk assessment	Implementation of risk assessment
enhance student services.	Trained staff in recognizing signs of concern in students ("gatekeeper" training)	"Gatekeeper" training at Nov. 7	screening for grades 7-12
	Examined feasibility of providing Youth Mental Health First Aid training for all staff over the next 3 years	PD day for all certificated staff district-wide	
		Feasibility Data	
	Objective 1.3 Ensure students' social-emotional needs are being addr	essed.	
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps

Align K-12 SEL programs and strategies to design a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate SEL K-12 framework.	Gathered current MTSD SEL Programming K-12 Conducted research on best practices through visits to schools with strong Character Education programs (Schools of Character) Aligned NJ State Social, Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies with Portrait of a Graduate Developed Learning Progression for SEL/POG Competencies Initiated drafting of MTSD SEL Framework Reviewed established SEL Frameworks (i.e. CASEL, Illinois State Boe) Applied for School of Character accreditation / Mock Audit (UMS) Completed POG/SEL Curriculum Mapping (UMS) Developed POG/Climate survey grades 3-12	MTSD K-12 SEL Program Inventory MTSD POG/SEL Competencies document including definitions and learning progressions Receipt of two promising practice awards from Character.org	Attend identified professional workshops SEL training. (CASEL Webinar Series, state character education conference in March at Rider) 2019-20 Examine current SEL Practices and Programs for proper alignment Create programs and strategies to develop SEL competencies where needed Spring 2020 Write MTSD SEL Framework Spring 2020 Apply for UMS School of Character and pursue district of character status Fall 2019 POG/SEL Curriculum Mapping by Spring 2020
	Objective 1.4 Provide relevant, targeted professional development for a	ıll staff.	
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Develop comprehensive management tool for tracking district professional development and alignment to district goals by staff member	Conducted an audit of professional development topics covered since 2012 Piloted additional features of the district's current tool for in-house (GoSignMeUp) professional development Developed a protocol for utilizing the district registration software for both district Professional Development days and Flex Professional Development opportunities by Fall 2018	A searchable database of historic professional development will be created Usage reports and staff evaluations	Launch searchable database for Professional Development by September 2019 Create guidelines for supervisor-led Professional Development by September 2019

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Develop innovative ways to deliver professional development.	Collaborated with MTEA on updating flex pd procedures and calibrate Flex Professional Development options Identified outside experts to facilitate district-wide Professional Development Optimized supervisor-led sessions Increased opportunities during all district Professional Development days for staff input Increased staff choice selection on Professional Development Days	Staff Professional Development Day agenda review Professional Development Evaluation Data Annual Employee Feedback Surveys Building Staff Development	Apply tech turnkey model to teacher turnkey trainers and create guidelines/training procedures for teacher turnkey trainer program by Spring 2020 Explore the possibility of expanding summer Professional Development to neighboring districts in order to increase shared ideas, collaboration, and diverse viewpoints by Summer 2020
·	Calibrated professional development best practices across departments and grade levels ve 1.5 Ensure special education services provide a continuum of supports and intervention		eds.
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Evaluate program placement options across the district, identify potential gaps in programming, and develop a plan to	Developed a survey to obtain special education staff input regarding program placement options	Student Placement Report	ACTION COMPLETED
remediate where needed	Administered survey to special education teachers, related services providers and child study team members Analyzed results to identify potential programming needs	Staff Survey	
Evaluate current resources and supports available for students with disabilities	Initiated an analysis of the resources and supports provided in each instructional setting across building levels	Special Education Resources Report	Analyze data obtained through report and survey to identify potential programming needs
across the district, and identify potential needs for improvement	Developed a survey to obtain special education staff and parent input regarding the availability of resources and supports to address the needs of the students with disabilities	Staff and Parent Survey	Administer Parent Survey Administer follow up staff survey to access indicators of demographics of needs
	Objective 1.6 Address areas for improvement in English Language Learners (E	, , ,	N
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps

	Provided Professional Development on English Language Learners (ELL) and Disabilities to counseling, academic support and CST staff		
	Completed Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) training of 71 district teachers - cohorts 1 & 2		
	Provided small-group Professional Development to teachers at UMS/LMS	Attendance records	
	Collected survey and anecdotal data to improve future SIOP training and collaborated with SIOP presenters to improve and tailor Professional Development for MTSD based on survey and anecdotal feedback	Survey results	
Facilitate training and provide resources for	Facilitated cultural and language awareness mini-lessons for SIOP participants	Inventory of resources for teachers	
	Trained 28 staff members/cohort 3 in SIOP strategies and encouraged teachers to reference resources i.e. ELL profile, Mainstream teacher resource folder, Professional Development book, etc.	Agendas for multi Professional	ACTION COMPLETED
to ELLs and multilingual learners	Provided administrator training to follow-up and support use of SIOP instructional strategies in the classroom	Development offerings related to teaching strategies for ELLs	
	Created and continue to build Mainstream teacher resource folder in shared Google drive	Plan outline for teacher	
	Provided SIOP strategies and activities Professional Development book for SIOP participants	accountability of SIOP strategies implementation	
Improve intervention protocols and instructional practices for ELLs, multilingual learners and related at-risk populations	Provided SIOP follow-up Professional Development for teachers e.g. explore summer book club; Support teachers in creating unit and lesson-specific scaffolds for linguistically diverse students; curricular exemplars		
	Trained additional cohorts in SIOP strategies and encouraged teachers to reference resources i.e. ELL profile, Mainstream teacher resource folder, Professional Development book, etc. (ongoing)		
	Developed list of program needs based on state mandates and identified need and curtailed list to highest priority items	Meeting notes and recording	
	Designed and implemented ELA standards-aligned ELL= curriculum at MHS		Schedule focus on this action item for 2019 -2021
	Purchased text about Sp.Ed. & ELLs	BOE-approved curriculum on RubiconAtlas	
	Provided PD for WL and ESL teachers on teaching world languages to students with disabilities		

	Developed list of program needs based on state mandates and district identified needs		
	Conducted four Parent Advisory meetings	Meeting notes and recording	
	Communicated Seal of Biliteracy procedure out to community	spreadsheet	
	Developed, translated, and implemented ELL progress reports	Seal of Biliteracy article	
	Began collection and translation of district documentation	publicized & info on website and MHS Program of Studies	
Enhance support services for ELLs,	ELL Summit sponsored by NJPSA, attended by Objective team and ELL teachers	ivitis Flogram of Studies	
multilingual learners, related at-risk populations and their families	Translated OHES/VES Handbook and district report cards into several priority languages and posted on Genesis and district/school websites in Summer 2018	Two (2) ELL Parent Advisory Meeting articles publicized & info on website	ACTION COMPLETED
	Piloted and determined best use of interpretation device at VES/MHS: iPad w Google translate		
	Explored late bus access (based on current budget, cost prohibitive)	Translated documents	
	Established assignments and responsibilities for:		
		Attendance / agendas	
	across buildings;		
	 Point-of-entry procedures in alignment with state mandates and best practices; Interpretation best practices, standards and ethics 		
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	Objective 1.7 Evaluate the impact of programs and expenditures on studer	nt learning.	
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps

Evaluate budgeted program(s) that are aimed at positively impacting students academically. 2017-2018	years and compared their performance to other students with similar histories, as well as to all other students Developed objective team questions for certified Wilson Teachers' focus groups and conducted focus groups with certified Wilson Teachers Examined feedback from certified Wilson Teachers' focus groups		2017-2018 ACTION COMPLETED
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aimed at positively impacting student academically. 2018-2019	Examined K-4 student reading performance to identify current achievement levels Examined statewide assessment data for student performance grades 3-8 Examined transition of students from elementary to middle school through the lens of K-8 Language Arts Examined the K-8 Language Arts Program Identified specific area of focus within the K-8 Language Arts Program (Academic Support) Identifying comparable school districts to determine Academic Support structures Identified Academic Support current areas of success and potential areas for growth Review Intervention Tracking Forms and linked these forms to Data Day spreadsheets to provide comprehensive information about individual students Conducted professional development workshops for Academic Support teachers on the impact of brain-based research on interventions and distinguishing the difference between strategy-based interventions and accommodations Provided professional development for classroom teachers on enhancing Tier 1 classroom-based strategies COAL 2: SCHOOL AND WORK ENVIRONMENT - Ensure a learning environment	(academic support, general education, special education, etc.) Professional meetings with comparable school districts Teacher focus groups Data Day spreadsheets Fall 2018 Workshop Spring 2019 Workshop	2018-2020 Create Academic Support Handbook
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GOAL 2: SCHOOL AND WORK ENVIRONMENT - Ensure a learning environment that promotes excellence.

Objective 2.1 Increase teacher-parent communication about students' educational progress.			
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps

	Completed and implemented Report Card/Conference Form	New conference forms delivered directly to parents during the 2017-18 school year	
Implement the Revised K-4 Standards- Based Report Card and Parent-Teacher Conference Form	Delivered Professional Development to teaching staff Collected feedback from teachers on report card and conference form	New report card delivered to parents through Genesis in February and June 2018	ACTION COMPLETED
	Revised report card and conference form based on teacher feedback after 2 implementation cycles	Teacher input forms and committee meetings provided feedback used towards revisions	
Collect and analyze parent feedback on implementation and effectiveness of new K-4 Standards Based Report Card and	Gathered feedback from stakeholders Facilitated parent focus groups to gather feedback on report card and conference forms	Revisions to report card and conference forms reflective of focus group and teacher feedback Parent input and feedback	Facilitate additional focus group to gather input and feedback from a larger parent group prior to the end
Conference Form		captured in document and shared with team leaders	of 2019 school year
Communicate established grade 5-12 grading timeline expectations to students	Communicated expectations to staff, students, and parents through department websites	Grading information on department websites	ACTION COMPLETED
and parent	Added grading timeline expectations for Grades 5-8 to Student Handbook for 2018-2019	MHS Student Handbook revised to include grading information	
	Objective 2.2 Expand high school programs and pathways.		
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Research program and course offerings from a diverse sampling of high schools	Began evaluation of high school pathways Utilized Hanover reports to guide our feasibility study Reviewed additional information from Hanover upon receipt Developed an alternative 9th grade science course for the 2018-2019 school year: Integrated Physical, Earth, and Life Science (IPELS)	Hanover research study	Conduct interviews across 15-20 high schools for benchmarking to inform decisions
Conduct a feasibility study of potential courses or pathways for MHS students	To begin in 2019	Completed study	Conduct study following Hanover Research report for 2019-2020
Objective	2.3 Ensure the curriculum and assessment system across and grade and building levels	support the Portrait of a Grad	uate
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps

Define and create a progression of the sub competencies that comprise the Portrait of a Graduate	Defined each characteristic of the Portrait of a Graduate for every grade level, K-12	Grade level charts with clear definitions for each characteristic of the Portrait of a Graduate	ACTION COMPLETED
Identify curricular strengths and weaknesses in representing the Portrait of a Graduate across grade levels	Completed curriculum inventory tool	Tool utilized to begin curricular inventory at UMS in January and February of 2019 Supervisors review curriculum for some student exemplars	ACTION COMPLETED Collect some student exemplars in the 2019-20 school year Conduct a district curricular inventory during the 2019-20 school year
Expand teaching and learning strategies in the classroom that support the Portrait of a Graduate across grade levels	Scheduled for the 2020-21 school year	Classroom observations. Student and teacher feedback	Implement professional development on teaching strategies that support the Portrait of a Graduate (2020-21 school year)
	Objective 2.4 Examine the science program.		
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
community members to gather clarifications about the strategic survey data and collect ongoing feedback	Conducted focus groups June 2017 Reported out public board meeting in August 2017 Conducted second round focus groups in spring 2018	Collected and shared data from focus groups	Conduct third round focus groups in winter 2018 Collect, analyze and report data to BOE
Communicate to students and parents how the new science standards are driving a shift within the learning experience in the classroom	Communicated new science standards, shift in the learning experience and grading expectations to all stakeholders Modeled expectations for learning shift in student classrooms Conducted four parent meetings at LMS informing parents of the new standards	Provided and clarified all information regarding new standards	ACTION COMPLETED Annual presentation cycle in

	Developed plan with science staff to insure consistency of instructional practices, homework, and assessments among all classrooms through district database		
Utilize teacher learning teams to develop consistency in instructional practices, student assessments, homework, and communication of student learning experiences.	Conducted two articulation meetings and two professional development days between MHS and UMS faculty Conducted two professional development days with MHS science faculty working with UMS and LMS science teachers Conducted three professional development days between OHES and VES science faculty	Implemented on-going plan to review and insure consistency in instructional practices, assessments, homework, and communication	Continue professional development
	Conducted mid-year survey to ensure continued consistency Analyzed data at end of school year for physics students		
Examine the current recommendation process and markers for success, inclusive of math skills, to inform student placement in science.	Completed curriculum writing for IPELS course. Established regular 8th to 9th grade science and math teacher articulation days for 18-19	Assessed first marking period grades for all physics students	ACTION COMPLETED
Develop a transitional experience for	Utilized MHS Collaborative Learning Teams (CLTs) to develop and implement a new physics unit	Evaluated student survey to determine effectiveness of transitional Unit.	

Objective 2.5 Develop strategies for ongoing staff involvement in the decision-making process, as well as with planning and implementation of new initiatives.

Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Tramework. The Create a rollout protocol to be used	Utilized DLT structure, K-12, with focus on homework Created protocol for Five Point Decision Making Framework Continued meetings as a functioning body, with report out to SLTs	Positive teacher responses to district survey questions	ACTION COMPLETED

Create School Leadership Teams (SLTs) through which teachers and administrators	Instituted SLTs in every school, with a current focus on homework	Positive teacher responses to	ACTION COMPLETED
work together on school-level problem solving, plan and implement new	Formed solutions committees on an as-needed basis, with the goal of joint decision making	district survey questions	ACTION COMPLETED

GOAL 3: COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION - Strengthens stakeholder relationships to support and enhance learning.

Objective 3.1 Recruit and retain high quality educators.				
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps	
Refine hiring protocols and district recruitment practices.	Identified best practices from data to enhance MTSD hiring protocols	Completed outreach of comparable districts	ACTION COMPLETED	
Enhance onboarding protocols and support systems provided to pre-tenured staff.	Identified components for a Cohort program Outlined and proposed a budget for a Cohort program Secured budget through Title II funding for Cohort program Outlined parameters and posted for Cohort program lead teachers Selected and held initial training of MTSD New Staff Cohort leaders Implemented MTSD New Staff Cohort Program January 2019	Establishment of a Cohort program for pre-tenured staff designed to build camaraderie and enhance supports provided through the current mentoring program through intra-and interbuilding meetings	ACTION COMPLETED	
Examine and accommodate revised state requirements for student teachers.	Developed and administered a questionnaire for local universities regarding expectations for student teachers Reviewed responses from universities and aligned with state requirements Examined media release policy to accommodate video taping of student teachers and developed a form for district-wide use	A district-wide procedure for management of student teachers	ACTION COMPLETED	
Ot	pjective 3.2 Build partnerships between schools, families, and community to enhance stud	ent-learning opportunities.		
Actions	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps	
Establish partnership with higher education	Documented district's current partnerships with higher education Focused on utilizing current meeting structures with local high schools to collaborate and share best practices related to higher education partnerships	Outline of local schools and best practices with higher education	ACTION COMPLETED	

ncrease opportunities for community artnership for job shadowing with ommunity professionals.	Designed website to host learning and partnering opportunities for students through community professional partnerships	Website activity and track partnerships and student participation	Develop marketing strategies to promote to greater number of students and community members involved Structure approval process for volunteers Develop protocol for student, parent, community participation. TBC Spring 2020
	Objective 3.3 Improve communication with all stakeholders.		
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Determine the most utilized, effective, and preferred methods of communication i.e. E-Blast, Blackboard Connect, Twitter, Remind etc.	Attended all five School Leadership team meetings to analyze current methods of communication with parents, educators, students Focused on reviewing District Website for ADA compliance Tracked Websites of all schools over the last 4 years to determine a steady drop in community use Enhanced schools' use and availability of text messaging through Blackboard Connect to facilitate communication between schools and parents Cross referenced (aggregate) current communication methods from each individual school and analyzed most effective methods in order to streamline district communication Submitted proposal for tracking usage and efficiency	Blackboard connect is underutilized by schools- this has	ACTION COMPLETED Monitor usage of communicat tools. 18-19 vs 17-18, Spring 2019

	Attended all five School Leadership team meetings to analyze current methods of communication with parents, educators, students - pertaining to transitions		Establish communication guidelines specific to individual schools for parents spring 2019
		Annual parent and student survey developed by other Strategic Plan team 1.2	Form District transition team to establish uniform communication among school leadership teams and help parents with transition between schoolswinter 2018-2019
			Awaiting results of District Survey in regards to community transition concerns before the District Transition team forms

GOAL 4: RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS - Optimize operational and financial resources to enhance student experience.

Objective 4.1 Provide a safe and healthy school environment.				
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps	
Enhance Bus Safety and Security	Included new radio equipment in 2018-19 budget Created new bus driver training manual	Stakeholder feedback		
			Develop expanded plan to communicate with parents	
	Included bus safety drills on board agenda Enhanced review of safety requirements with drivers	practices	Finalize transportation handbook Installation of GPS system on all	
	Drafted a transportation handbook	Videos for staff, parents and students	buses (May 29-31 2019)	
	Conducted meetings with stakeholders Provided parents and 2019-2020 Kindergarten students, overview of bus procedures			

	Conducted meetings with district safety committee		
	conducted meetings with district surety commutee		
	Reviewed safety plan	Crisis Management Plan	
Enhancement of Crisis Management Plan	Adopted Somerset County Protocol "I Love U Guys" Conducted stakeholders meetings on district safety Conducted tabletop exercise	Regular scheduled drills including Fire and Police Third party audit of school safety practices	ACTION COMPLETED
	Completed safety drill November 5, 2018		
	Received and reviewed proposals to audit school safety practices		
Evaluation of external school safety practices	Obtained Board approval for vendor to conduct audit	Third party audit of school safety practices	ACTION COMPLETED
	Scheduled evaluation		
	Objective 4.2 Maintain balanced and sustainable short and long-term budg	-	
Action	Progress Conducted meetings with district sustainability team	Measured By	Next Steps
Seek new revenue sources	Received NJ Smart Start Grant Received Sustainable NJ Grant Received Safety Grant Contacted community businesses for revenue opportunities	Revenue received from new sources	Evaluate Energy/Cost Savings through ESIP
Develop 5 year plans for major expense categories	Investigated grant writing opportunities with NJSBA Identified long range projects for each school 3-5 year financial plan 5 year capital plan	Document presented to board annually	ACTION COMPLETED
Evaluate alternative energy sources	Consultant provided an energy audit for all five schools	Adopt or implement alternative energy if identified	Following receipt of audit, review audit and make decision on implementation
Retrofit all facilities with LED light fixtures to reduce energy costs	LED light fixtures installed in various parking lots LED lights replaced in UMS media center Included LED light fixtures in 2018-19 budget for MHS parking lot Examined interior lighting to upgrade to LED	Report of completed retrofit light fixtures	Timelines identified for completion in each building

Objective 4.3 Ensure facilities are efficiently maintained and operated.				
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps	
Provide training for custodial staff	Created training manuals Trained staff on proper cleaning	Report from department that staff are trained	ACTION COMPLETED	
	Trained staff on proper use of the district's chemical dilution system	Inspections and observations		
Implementation of a five year maintenance plan	Consulted with head custodians and building principals Maintained staff records Created 5-year maintenance plan	Five year plan updated annually	ACTION COMPLETED	
Include capital plan in annual budget	Included following projects in 2018-19 budget: - Gym refinishing - Masonry work - Door and hardware replacement - Roof maintenance Included capital projects in 2019-20 budget New Transportation Bldg. completed	11	Board approval of capital projects in 2019-20 final budget	