Objective 1.1 Differentiate instructional strategies to support each student's unique learning needs, interests, and aptitudes.			
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Identify differentiation strategies currently utilized by teachers K-12	Developed survey questions focused on current differentiation practices being implemented 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 differentiated instruction	Unpacked data from teacher survey as well as identified current tools available Conducted district-wide walkthroughs	A defined professional development model of differentiation for elementary/middle/high school levels	Create strategy guide for use by teachers 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

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

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	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	0	Expand system to more teachers at MHS

Surveyed 18 public high schools				
Surveyed college admissions reps who visited MHS (approx. 150) Researched local private/parochial high schools and their school counseling structures	Survey Data	ACTION COMPLETED		
	Presentation of proposal for			
Explored the feasibility of adding a middle school SAC	adding a middle school SAC for the 2019-20 school year			
Researched and implemented risk assessment screening for all students in grades 7-12	Recommendation of screening tool	Implementation of risk assessment		
Trained staff in recognizing signs of concern in students ("gatekeeper" training)		screening for grades 7-12		
Examined feasibility of providing Youth Mental Health First Aid training for all staff over the next 3 years	"Gatekeeper" training at Nov. 7 PD day for all certificated staff district-wide			
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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 str programs (Schools of Character)Aligned NJ State Social, Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies with Developed Learning Progression for SEL/POG Competencies Initiated drafting of MTSD SEL Framework Reviewed established SEL Frameworks (i.e. CASEL, Illinois State Boo 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 InventoryExamine current SEL Practices and Programs for proper alignmentMTSD POG/SEL Competencies document including definitions and learning progressionsCreate programs and strategies to develop SEL competencies where needed Spring 2020
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Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Develop comprehensive management tool or tracking district professional evelopment and alignment to district goal y 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-le Professional Development by September 2019

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Objective 1.5 Ensure special education services provide a continuum of supports and interventions that meet each learner's needs. Action Progress Measured By Next S	

	12	Student Placement Report			
Evaluate program placement options across the district, identify potential gaps in programming, and develop a plan to remediate where needed	Developed a survey to obtain special education staff input regarding program placement options Utilized the student placement report to identify potential programming needs Administered survey to special education teachers, related services providers and child study team members Analyzed results to identify potential programming needs	Staff Survey	ACTION COMPLETED		
Evaluate current resources and supports available for students with disabilities across the district, and identify potential needs for improvement	Initiated an analysis of the resources and supports provided in each instructional setting across building levels 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	Special Education Resources Report Staff and Parent Survey	Analyze data obtained through report and survey to identify potential programming needs 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	LLs) program.			
Action Progress Measured By Next Steps					

Facilitate training and provide resources for staff and administrators in appropriate instruction and cultural competency related to ELLs and multilingual learners	feedback Facilitated cultural and language awareness mini-lessons for SIOP participants	Attendance records Survey results Inventory of resources for teachers Agendas for multi Professional Development offerings related to teaching strategies for ELLs Plan outline for teacher accountability of SIOP strategies implementation	ACTION COMPLETED
Improve intervention protocols and instructional practices for ELLs, multilingual learners and related at-risk populations	Developed list of program needs based on state mandates and identified need and curtailed list to highest priority items Designed and implemented ELA standards-aligned ELL= curriculum at MHS Purchased text about Sp.Ed. & ELLs		Schedule focus on this action item for 2019 -2021

	Developed list of program needs based on state mandates and district identified needs		
	Conducted four Parent Advisory meetings	Meeting notes and recording	
Enhance support services for ELLs, multilingual learners, related at-risk populations and their families	Communicated Seal of Biliteracy procedure out to community	spreadsheet	
	Developed, translated, and implemented ELL progress reports		
	Began collection and translation of district documentation	Seal of Biliteracy article publicized & info on website and MHS Program of Studies	
	ELL Summit sponsored by NJPSA, attended by Objective team and ELL teachers	U U	
	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:		
	- collaboration and communication regarding ELL- related instructional strategies and best practices across buildings;	Attendance / agendas	
	 Point-of-entry procedures in alignment with state mandates and best practices; Interpretation best practices, standards and ethics 		
	Objective 1.7 Evaluate the impact of programs and expenditures on stude	nt learning.	
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps

Evaluate budgeted program(s) that are aimed at positively impacting students academically. 2017-2018	Examined academic growth and proficiency for identified students in the Wilson program for three 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 Developed survey questions that were administered to Wilson students		2017-2018 ACTION COMPLETED
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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.	Evaluate budgeted program(s) that are aimed at positively impacting students 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	Review of cohort running record data from grades 1-4, for current 5th graders (18- 19). Review of PARCC reading and writing data. Review of programs and structures at the elementary and middle school levels (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		
Action Progress Measured By Next Steps	Action					

	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 Conference Form	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 captured in document and shared with team leaders	Facilitate additional focus group to gather input and feedback from a larger parent group prior to the end of 2019 school year	
Communicate established grade 5-12 grading timeline expectations to students and parent	Communicated expectations to staff, students, and parents through department websites Added grading timeline expectations for Grades 5-8 to Student Handbook for 2018-2019	Grading information on department websites MHS Student Handbook revised to include grading information	ACTION COMPLETED	
	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	Objective 2.3 Ensure the curriculum and assessment system across and grade and building levels support the Portrait of a Graduate			
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps	

Define and create a progression of the sub competencies that comprise the Portrait of a l 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)		
Action	Objective 2.4 Examine the science program. Progress	Measured By	Next Steps		
Conduct interviews/focus groups of school 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	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	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 place		

Utilize teacher learning teams to develop	Developed plan with science staff to insure consistency of instructional practices, homework, and assessments among all classrooms through district database Established articulation schedule between UMS & MHS departments to foster collaboration and professional development	Implemented on-going plan to	
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	review and insure consistency in instructional practices, assessments, homework, and communication	Continue professional development
	Conducted three professional development days between OHES and VES science faculty 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 n 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 reshmen to aid the transition into physics.	Utilized MHS Collaborative Learning Teams (CLTs) to develop and implement a new physics unit focussing on experimental design and mathematical foundations Reviewed and revised Physics First introductory unit to increase student success Refined transition unit for implementation in Fall 2018	Evaluated student survey to determine effectiveness of transitional Unit.	
Objective 2.5 Develop s	trategies for ongoing staff involvement in the decision-making process, as well as with pla		new initiatives.
Action	Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Julize the District Leadership Team (DLT) lesigned to foster a collaborative learning environment, working together on district- vide problem solving while guiding the integration of school collaboration efforts with district initiatives.	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	
1a. Identify and adapt a decision making framework.	Presented and shared protocol and decision making framework to ALT and revised based on feedback		ACTION COMPLETED
b. Create a rollout protocol to be used with new initiatives, inclusive of the full cycle of evaluation.	Presented and shared procedures and decision making framework to DLT and revised based on feedback		

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 ecruitment practices.	Benchmarked 8-10 comparable districts' recruitment and selection protocols Synthesized interview data from comparable districts	Completed outreach of comparable districts	ACTION COMPLETED
Enhance onboarding protocols and support systems provided to pre-tenured staff.	Identified best practices from data to enhance MTSD hiring protocols 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 Developed and administered a questionnaire for local universities regarding expectations for student	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 inter- building meetings	ACTION COMPLETED
Examine and accommodate revised state requirements 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
Actions	ejective 3.2 Build partnerships between schools, families, and community to enhance stud Progress	Measured By	Next Steps
Establish partnership with higher education	Documented district's current partnerships with higher education	Outline of local schools and best practices with higher education	ACTION COMPLETED

Increase opportunities for community partnership for job shadowing with community 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	Strategic Planning Committee communication and discussions with School Leadership teams in each school Notes, evidence, and documentation from these meetings have been conveyed and memorialized to objective teams Website traffic/usage is trending down over the last 4 years Blackboard connect usage data: Blackboard connect is underutilized by schools- this has	ACTION COMPLETED Monitor usage of communicati tools. 18-19 vs 17-18, Spring 2019

		Establish communication guidelines specific to individual schools for parents spring 2019
Attended all five School Leadership team meetings to analyze current methods of communication with	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 Enhanced training for K-1 students and parents Provided buses at OHES new Kindergarten orientation 9/5 Included bus safety drills on board agenda Enhanced review of safety requirements with drivers Drafted a transportation handbook	Stakeholder feedback Bus safety reports	Develop expanded plan to communicate with parents Finalize transportation handbook Installation of GPS system on all 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		
Enhancement of Crisis Management Plan	Reviewed safety plan Adopted Somerset County Protocol "I Love U Guys" Conducted stakeholders meetings on district safety Conducted tabletop exercise	Crisis Management Plan Regular scheduled drills including Fire and Police Third party audit of school safety practices	ACTION COMPLETED
Evaluation of external school safety practices	Completed safety drill November 5, 2018 Received and reviewed proposals to audit school safety practices Obtained Board approval for vendor to conduct audit Scheduled evaluation	Third party audit of school safety practices	ACTION COMPLETED
	Objective 4.2 Maintain balanced and sustainable short and long-term bud	gets	
Action	Progress	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 Investigated grant writing opportunities with NJSBA	Revenue received from new sources	Evaluate Energy/Cost Savings through ESIP
Develop 5 year plans for major expense categories	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 opera	ted.	
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	Five year plan updated annually	ACTION COMPLETED
Include capital plan in annual budget	Created 5-year maintenance plan 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		Board approval of capital projects in 2019-20 final budget