Action Plan: Academics and Rigor and 21st Century Skills 2018-19

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Measurable Goal:

Goal 1: The Timberlane Regional School District will engage PreK-12 students in personalized, competency based educational experiences to include 21st century knowledge and skills needed to be successful in school, work, and life.

Objective 1: Personalize learning opportunities for students in environments that are flexible and learner-centered.

#	Activity/ Strategy/ Steps Bold= 2018-19 activities	WHO will do WHAT	WHEN	Progress Notes
1.1	a) Advance the work of the district focused on providing students with career pathways, extended learning opportunities, vocational experiences, dual enrollment, and non-traditional courses.			
1.1	b) Train educators and implement school-wide flexible approaches that personalize learning for students, including designing lessons that provide students with multiple ways to engage in and represent their learning.			
1.1	c) Increase student use of technology to create, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate while learning.			

1.1	d)	Increase support for students using		
		systematic approaches and proven		
		effective interventions in the areas of		
		Social-Emotional Learning,		
		Mathematics, and Literacy for learning		
		with varying needs.		
1.1	e)	Explore the development of a district		
		funded full-day Kindergarten program.		

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Objective 2: Create PreK-12 STEAM opportunities that promote collaboration, problem solving, creativity, and the confidence needed for the 21st century learning and careers.

#	Activity/ Strategy/ Steps Bold= 2018-19 activities	WHO will do WHAT	WHEN	Progress Notes
1.2	a) Create STEAM labs and Makerspaces in schools for all students to participate in.			
1.2	b) Engage students PreK-12 hands- on experiences with coding, computing, and other Computer Science standards as well as greater access to CS courses credit at the secondary level for students interested in in-depth study for career and college preparation.			
1.2	c) Train teachers in cross- disciplinary instructional practices necessary for facilitating classrooms where students create, think analytically and logically, integrate			

		technology literacy and fluency, and problem solve collaboratively with peers.		
1.2	d)	Provide classrooms with STEAM resources, materials, and project ideas.		
1.2	e)	Explore adding and implementing courses at TRHS that focus on vocational skills, trades, and career development.		

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Objective 3: Implement competency-based education, PreK-12, providing students with project based learning opportunities, performance based assessments, and accurate systems of reporting focused on increasing levels of rigor, achievement, and soft skills acquisition.

#		Activity/ Strategy/ Steps Bold= 2018-19 activities	WHO will do WHAT	WHEN	Progress Notes
1.3	a)	Train educators in project-based learning practices.			
1.3	b)	Design performance based assessments and rubrics, and reduce the number of standardized assessments.			
1.3	c)	Focus instruction on deeper understanding of topics and the application of learning to new tasks.			
1.3	d)	Build in greater accountability measures for students who do not meet competency standards, including competency recovery procedures.			

1.3	e)	Design and implement reporting		
		tools for secondary schools that		
		reflect a traditional grade and		
		supplemental information on		
		competency acquisition.		
1.3	f)	Collect data on preparedness for		
		college, workplace, and career, and		
		on success post college via survey		
		for TRSD graduates 2 -6 years		
		post-graduation.		
1.3	g)	Re-evaluate the model and		
		description of a "Timberlane		
		Graduate" and use it to guide the		
		vision district-wide and in the		
		community.		
1.3	h)	Identify performance benchmarks and		
		exemplars so students can strive for		
		mastery.		
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Goal 2: The Timberlane Regional School District will attract, hire, develop, and retain professional educators and support staff who can effectively engage students in rigorous curriculum and 21st century learning.

Objective 1: Develop and provide a systemic program of job-embedded, on-going, training that supports collaborative practices and educator empowerment.

#		Activity/ Strategy/ Steps	WHO will do WHAT	WHEN	Progress Notes
		Bold= 2018-19 activities			
2.1	a)	Develop a district-wide structure of			
		Professional Development that			
		allows teacher input into the New			
		Teacher Induction and Mentoring			
		program, ongoing PD offerings,			
		needs assessments, and goal setting.			
2.1	b)	Promote learning environments that			
		allow educators to take risks, and			
		explore and evaluate creative			
		approaches which can be used to			
		inform instruction.			
2.1	c)	Work together with TTA to incentivize			
		educators and to develop collaborative			
		professional learning communities			
		(PLCs) that provide time for educators			
		to work across content areas, to share			
		integrated lessons and new practices,			
		engage in data review cycles, and			
		support the curriculum.			

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Objective 2: Develop common beliefs, understandings, and practices to inform the implementation of STEAM and competency based education.

#		Activity/ Strategy/ Steps Bold= 2018-19 activities	WHO will do WHAT	WHEN	Progress Notes
2.2	a)	Develop an action plan that			
		articulates common beliefs and			
		goals around personalized,			
		competency based learning that			
		will be shared district-wide and			
		monitored for implementation			
		and progress.			
2.2	b)	Develop an action plan that			
		articulates common beliefs and			
		goals around STEAM education			
		that will be shared district-wide and			
		monitored for implementation and			
		progress.			
2.2	c)	Train teachers in specific practices			
		and approaches to personalize			
		learning and effectively teach			
		learners of varied abilities.			

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Objective 3: Re-evaluate the mentoring programs for professional and support staff within their first years in the district, and revise the program as needed.

#	Activity/ Strategy/ Steps Bold= 2018-19 activities	WHO will do WHAT	WHEN	Progress Notes
2.3	Survey teachers to understand mentoring program strengths and opportunities for improvement			
2.3	b) Establish a mentoring and induction committee to analyze and propose changes to the current program.			

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Objective 4: Motivate and incentivize educators to be career educators in TRSD and life-long learners.

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2.4	a) Encourage teachers to self-			
	reflect, set goals, and engage in			
	personalized and self-initiated			
	professional learning.			
2.4	b) Encourage teachers to apply for			
	SIM project funds via TTA			
	contract to work on projects that			
	are intrinsically motivating, to			
	explore creative			
	programs/activities, or find			
	solutions to problems.			