

Milltown School District

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN UPDATE 10/17

Chairperson: Alyson Nechamkin

Team Members: JoAnne Demetrio, William Veit, Kathy McCarthy, Catia Scotto, Krystyna Herko, Andrea Brunner

Domain: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Goal 1: Enhance the co-teaching model to further accommodate the needs of students with disabilities in general education classes.

Objective: Monitor and analyze inclusion programming at Parkview and Joyce Kilmer and assess budgetary implications for the maintenance and expansion of the model.

Objective: Plan and implement professional development associated with inclusive education models within the district.

Summary of accomplishments as of October 2017:

- September In Service Meeting for all co-teachers speaking about roles and responsibilities.
- Director of Special Education spoke about each Back to School Night about co-teaching and including students in general education classrooms, the rigor of the curriculum, and other key factors.
- Inclusive Education and Co-Teaching Workshops
 - NJ Coalition of Inclusive Education
 - Summer Training with Chelsea Tracy Bronson

Action Plan:

- Continue providing professional development for staff related to inclusive education and co-teaching.
- Distribute an updated “Roles and Responsibilities” chart for co-teachers.

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Goal 2: Examine and explore the data surrounding homework, grading, and summer programs and the impact on the academic mindset.

Objective: Take inventory of current practices regarding homework, grades, and summer programs and make recommendations to modify these practices in order to enhance intrinsic motivation within students.

Summary of accomplishments as of October 2017:

- Homework policy reviewed with all staff at a September In Service.
- Additional meeting scheduled with committee to review question in policy about maximum versus minimum daily homework.
- Teachers in 6th-8th grades have a chart in the staff room to record projects and tests.

Action Plan:

- Meeting scheduled for October to review progress made in addition to homework, grading, and summer programs moving forward.