Knox LAP (Local Assistance Plan) information for BOE approval.

Part I: Whole School Reflection

Identify the date the Local Assistance Plan Self-Reflection Document was completed:

September 28, 2016

Identify the individuals who helped complete the Local Assistance Plan Self-Reflection Document:

1. Michael Satterlee: Principal

2. Patricia Kilburn: Assistant Superintendent

3. Ann Stefka: Chief Data Officer

Directions: In thinking about the information gathered using the Local Assistance Plan Self-Reflection Document, and the school as the whole, please answer the following prompts.

Please identify three to five things that the school believes it does well for the identified sub-group:

- 1. Implementing literacy practices across curricular areas via the open response writing & close reading initiative.
- 2. Increasing student participation in the school community and increased opportunities for students to explore personal areas of interest.

3. Regularly assesses student progress in literacy and has student develop personalized learning goals based upon this data.

Please identify three to five things that the school believes are barriers that are making it difficult for the school to reach its potential for the identified subgroup:

- 1. Students currently access curriculum in a departmentalized structure with little emphasized or integrated interdisciplinary connections.
- 2. ELA curriculum and instruction is not yet responsive to tier-2 (group) proficiency data; specifically responding to key standards where greater than 30% of students are not yet proficient.
- 3. Parents do not yet enjoy regular two way communication with the school, and may have a limited understanding of or ability to enjoy sustained school/parent/community relationships.

Please identify three to five things that the school believes must happen (needs) for the identified subgroup that are currently not happening:

- 1. Interdisciplinary curriculum connections should be enhanced for students
- 2. Increased focus upon curricular emphasis, instruction and student progress on low-proficiency ELA standards.
- 3. Staff will work with the new District Director of Communications to develop a systematic two way communications model with parents.
- 4. Parents will be invited to join a committee and to receive training on building sustainable school/parent/community relationships.

Part II: Plan for Overcoming Barriers and Addressing Needs

Directions: Please complete the following chart to create a plan for overcoming barriers for the identified subgroup and/or addressing any needs that must be met for the identified subgroup.

Barrier/Need to be addressed – Choose from the barriers or needs identified in Part 1.

Strategy to be implemented - Describe the strategy that will be used to address the barrier/need.

Resources to be used – Describe what resources (human capital, funding, etc.) will be used to support the strategy.

Specialized PD involved – Describe any necessary professional development that must happen to ensure effective implementation of the strategy.

Mid-year Benchmark Goal (staff efforts) – Describe what will have been accomplished by the middle of the school year in terms of staff efforts.

Mid-year Benchmark Goal (student outcomes) – Describe what will have been accomplished by the middle of the school year in terms of student outcomes.

End of the Year Quantifiable Goal - Describe what will have been accomplished by the end of the school year in terms of student outcomes.

Person(s) responsible for strategy implementation –Determine who will be responsible for implementation of the strategy.

Time period for implementation – List key dates for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the strategy.

Barrier or need to be addressed:	Strategy to be implemented:	Resources to be used:	Specialize d PD involved:	Mid-year Benchmark Goal: (STAFF EFFORTS)	Mid-year Benchmark Goal (STUDENT OUTCOMES)	End of the Year Quantifiable Goal: (STUDENT OUTCOMES)	Person(s) Responsible for Strategy Implementation :	Time Period for implementation:
Students currently access curriculum in a depart- mentalized structure with few emphasized or integrated interdisci-	To provide additional interdisciplinary curriculum development time and direct support via release throughout the school year.	Budget for Substitute s Curriculu m materials	How to find essential under-standings, skills and concepts that can be shared across disciplines.	Interdisciplinar y understandings , skills and concepts are identified and interdisciplinar y units/lesson written.	Students begin integrating Google Platform into ELA and other class learning.	Students complete an interdisciplin ary unit of study that incorporates Google tools.	Grade 8 core teachers, Principal DD of Communication s and Instruction	Cross curricular connections via essential understandings are created (Nov-Dec) Interdisciplinary units/lessons written (Nov-Feb)

plinary	To integrate the	Teachers	Interdisciplinary	
connections.	Google Platform	integrate	units/lessons delivered	
	for teachers to	=		
	design	Google	(March-April).	
	curriculum.	platform tools		
	Curriculariii	for lesson	Interdisciplinary	
		planning and	units/lesson analyzed and	i
	To integrate	delivery.	revised. Additional	
	Google Tools for		interdisciplinary units	
	students to		created (May-August).	
	become familiar		created (May-August).	
	with platform in			
	advance of their			
	interdisciplinary			
	unit.			
	To implement a			
	unit of study			
	that has			
	interdisciplinary			
	connections and			
	integrates			
	Google			
	collaborative			
	technology in			
	order to			
	overcome			
	scheduling			
	obstacles.			
	To analyze and			
	revise the design			
	and delivery of			
	the pilot unit,			
	and develop			
	more			
	interdisciplinary			
	units of study.			
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ELA	Grade wide	Release	How to	Faculty will	Students will	An increase	Grade 8 core	Unpacking standards to
curriculum	(cross discipline)	time for	find	have unpacked	experience	in the	teachers,	I-Can statements
and	instructional	planning	essential	ELA standards	lessons and	percentage	Principal,	(November-March)
instruction	approaches and emphasis upon	PD	under-	and developed	activities	of students	DD of	
is not yet	the underlying	FD	standings,	progressive	that	proficient in	Communication	Identification of cross
responsive	skills needed to	Google	skills and	l-can	specifically	the	and Instruction	curricular connections and
to tier-2	attain	Tools	concepts	statements.	integrate	identified		identified standards
(group)	proficiency in		that can		the	standards.		(Nov-Dec)
proficiency	the identified	STAR assess-	be shared	Faculty will	identified			
data;	ELA standards.	ments	across	have modified	standards.			Creation and
specifically	la ana a a a d		disciplines,	curriculum to				implementation of cross
responding	Increased emphasis within		specifically	emphasize	Students			curricular lessons to
to key	ELA curriculum		as they	identified	will analyze			support identified
standards	& instruction		apply to	standards.	their own			standards (Feb-April)
where	upon the		the		progress in			
greater	identified ELA		identified		ELA based			Implementation of
than 30%	standards.		standards.		upon			modified curriculum
of students	Continued				progressive			w/enhancement on
are not yet	Continued unpacking of		Unpacking		I-can			identified standards
proficient.	standards and		standards		statements.			(Jan-May)
	development of		and developing					
	progressive I can		progressive		Students will			Implementation of
	statements.		I-can		analyze their			student self assessment
			statements		own goal			through I can statements
					setting			(Jan-May)
			Common		progress			
			Lesson		based upon			
			Study		STAR			
			•		assessments			

Parents do not yet enjoy regular two way communica- tion with the school, and may have a limited understand- ing of or ability to enjoy sustained school/ parent/ community relationships	Students will begin self-reporting their progress in meaningful terms to parents. Students will articulate what they do well, what they need to focus on to improve, and what their personal improvement goal(s) will be. Staff will work with the new District Director of Communications to develop a systematic two way communications	PD Time STAR Assessment Other resources as identified	Training on building sustainable parent/ school/ community partnerships (parents and community agencies invited to join Knox faculty).	Staff will work with the new District Director of Communications to develop a systematic two way communications model with parents.	Students will articulate what they do well, what they need to focus on to improve, and what their personal improvement goal(s) will be.	All students will have completed a summative self evaluation that communicated with parents and with school and shared with JHS (these will be incoming Freshman).	Grade 8 core teachers, Principal DD of Communication and Instruction	Student articulation of progress and goals Jan-June PD for stakeholders (Feb) Systemic 2 way communication development (Jan-March)
	way							
	Parents will be invited to join a committee and to receive training on building							
	sustainable parent/school/							

community				
partnerships.				
The district will				
arrange for				
professional				
development for				
faculty, parent				
and community				
members in				
developing				
sustainable				
school/parent/				
community				
partnerships.				

Part III: Promoting Participation in State Assessments

To be completed only by LAP Schools with subgroup(s) identified solely for the failure to meet the 95% participation rate on state assessments.

Not Applicable to Johnstown

As you are aware, the United States Department of Education (USDE) requires that at least 95% of students in each accountability group for which a school is responsible must participate in the state's annual reading/language arts and mathematics assessments. To inform the USDE regarding the efforts of districts to promote participation in state assessments, the New York State Education Department is asking that districts with schools identified as Local Assistance Plan schools for failing to meet the 95% participation rate requirement for one or more accountability groups on an English language arts and/or mathematics accountability measure provide narrative responses to the guestions below.

1.	How do you plan to communicate with parents and other stakeholders regarding the purposes of the NY state assessment program and regarding the revisions that have been recently made to the NY state assessment program?
2.	Some parents are unaware of how to interpret state assessments results and use them to support their children's learning, which may cause these parents to believe that state assessments do not provide valuable instructional information about their children. How do you plan to provide training to all parents in how to interpret state assessment results and how the assessments are used to support the learning of children?
3.	What other strategies or activities are you planning to implement with students, parents and community members that will encourage participation in state assessments?