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HIGH SCHOOL LAUNCHES SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

BACKGROUND:

Governor Mifflin School District made Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in Pennsylvania for the 2009-2010 school year. In Grades K-8, all student subgroups met the targets for attendance, academic performance and test participation.

The high school did not reach the academic performance target for its Grade 11 IEP-Special Education and Economically Disadvantaged student subgroups. Since this is the second consecutive year in which the high school did not meet AYP targets, staff members will prepare a School Improvement plan using the services of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

IMPROVEMENT PLAN DETAILS:

1. The goal of NASSP is to help build the collective and collaborative capacity of the administrative and teaching staff through collecting and assessing data about all facets of the school, helping teachers build professional learning communities, fostering leadership, consulting and monitoring progress.
2. The district will pay for the services of the NASSP through grant money that is dedicated to such purposes.
3. The three-year School Improvement initiative will follow the following schedule:

PHASE I - FALL 2010

- *Gather data to determine priorities*

PHASE II - FALL 2010 THROUGH SUMMER 2011

- *Explore possible solutions*
- *Create and communicate improvement*
- *Assess readiness and build capacity*

PHASE III - 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

- *Implement the plan*

PHASE IV - 2011-2013

- *Monitor, adjust and sustain based on review of data to assess progress.*

DISTRICT STATEMENT:

In partnership with NASSP, the high school leadership team will develop instructional strategies to increase student achievement and sustain continuous improvement.