Berlin Brothersvalley SD Comprehensive Plan | 2023 - 2026

# Profile and Plan Essentials

| LEA Type                   |                  | AUN                              |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| School District            |                  | 108561003                        |
| Address 1                  |                  |                                  |
| 1025 Main St               |                  |                                  |
| Address 2                  |                  |                                  |
|                            |                  |                                  |
| City                       | State            | Zip Code                         |
| Berlin                     | PA               | 15530                            |
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#### **LEA Profile**

The Berlin Brothersvalley School District, located in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, is a rural district with a population of 5800 residents. The district is comprised of 165.5 square miles and includes the community of Berlin Borough and the townships of Allegheny, Brothersvalley and Northampton and the smaller outlying communities of New Baltimore, Glencoe, and Fairhope. The school itself is located in the Borough of Berlin, a community with about 2100 residents. Industry within the district includes a snack food manufacturer, dairy farming, coal mining, small retail businesses, banking, various light industry and a long term nursing facility.

As of 2019, the district has three schools housed under one roof with a student population totaling approximately 760. The three schools include a K-4 elementary school with 280 students, a 5-8 middle school with 210 students, and a 9-12 high school with a population of 230. Administrative staff includes: 1 Superintendent, 1 K-8 Principal, 1 Special Education Director, 1 Business Manager. A School Nurse provides services to the entire district. There are 64 teachers in grades K-12.

The school and community populations are predominately white, with less than 5% racial diversity. Forty-two (42) percent of the students are economically disadvantaged, and 18% of our students receive special education services. There are no private, charter or Christian schools within district boundaries, although several students are transported to Christian schools (10) in a neighboring district and 5 students attend a brick and mortar charter school located within ten miles of district boundaries. There are 27 home schooled students and 13 students enrolled in cyber charter schools. The district also sends 55 high school students in grades 10-12 (31% of our eligible population) to the Somerset County Technology Center (SCTC) to participate in vocational programs.

### Mission and Vision

#### Mission

The mission of the Berlin Brothersvalley School District is to prepare students for the future by challenging their desire to learn and creating an environment that nurtures their diversity of talents.

#### Vision

Educational Excellence, Community Engagement, Lifelong Success

#### **Educational Values**

#### Students

The Berlin Brothersvalley School District believes that we have a responsibility to: 1. Ensure and maintain high expectations of success for all students. 2. Maintain an academic emphasis, stressing basic skills. 3. Develop and maintain caring, purposeful, and thinking contributors to society. 4. Assess student learning for the improvement of the instructional program. 5. Utilize a variety of teaching strategies to accommodate varied student learning styles and cultural/ability differences. 6. Provide adequate time, effective materials, and appropriate facilities through planning and management of all consumers. 7. Provide a safe and orderly school through a fair and uniform discipline structure. 8. Provide the opportunity and encouragement for parent and community involvement. 9. Provide students with a technology rich environment at all levels. 10. Provide students with experiences that enable them to develop a strong character that will promote a lifetime of learning.

#### Staff

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#### Administration

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#### **Parents**

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#### Community

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Other (Optional)

# Future Ready PA Index

# Review of the School(s) Level Performance

# Strengths

| Indicator                        | Comments/Notable Observations  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate | Exceeds the current State average and State goal for 2030  |
| Attendance Rate (ADA)            | Exceeds State average  |
| Specialized Staffing             | School Police Officer, School Social Worker, and a Guidance Counselor for all three grade clusters |

# Challenges

| Indicator   | Comments/Notable Observations                                      |
|---|--|
| Curriculum revisions and alignment to standards needs to be | IU8 has been contracted to work with K-12 teachers to overhaul the |
| accomplished over the next two (2) years                    | entire district curriculum.  |
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# Review of Grade Level(s) and Individual Student Group(s)

### Strengths

| Indicator The PVAAS for science indicated that our growth was advanced in PSSA and Keystones above the State average. Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s) The fourth grade results indicated significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard. | Comments/Notable Observations  Prior collaboration among K-12 science staff has served as a model for the curriculum overhaul will begin in 2023. |
|--|---|
| Indicator Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)   | Comments/Notable Observations   |
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| Indicator Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)   | Comments/Notable Observations   |

# Challenges

| Indicator Comments/Notable Observations |
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|---|

| The district has not met the growth standard | Staffing realignment was enacted for the 2022-2023 school terms to address this challenge. The |  |
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| in all mathematics. grade levels.            | district will also revise the curriculum in math to address shortcomings in all areas.         |  |
| Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)       |  |  |
| Grade six did not meet the growth standard   |  |  |
| as other tested levels.                      |  |  |
| Indicator                                    | Comments (Notable Observations   |  |
| Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)       | Comments/Notable Observations  |  |
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| Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)       | Comments/Notable Observations  |  |
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| Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)       | Comments/Notable Observations  |  |

#### Summary

#### Strengths

Review the strengths listed above and copy and paste 2-5 strengths which have had the most impact in improving your most pressing challenges.

The work with curriculum has been a continual work in progress with limited resources. The district is utilizing ESSER funding to engage IU8 expertise to realign curriculum K-12.

The district continually monitors teacher skill sets and strengths to make teaching assignments which result in maximum productivity.

#### Challenges

Review the challenges listed above and copy and paste 2-5 challenges if improved would have the most impact in achieving your Future Ready PA index targets.

The revision of the curriculum will address any gaps which currently exist from K-12.

The monitoring of teacher effectiveness and placing them in the appropriate developmental grade/subject will maximize teacher and student performance.

#### **Local Assessment**

#### **English Language Arts**

| Data  | Comments/Notable Observations  |
|-------|--|
| PVAAS | In all areas with the exception of sixth grade math, the district's PVAAS results were met or advanced |

#### **English Language Arts Summary**

#### Strengths

The district met or exceeded all State growth standards as demonstrated by PSSA and Keystone assessments.

#### Challenges

The district challenge is to fully align the State standards with content from K-12 to eliminate gaps and create a fully articulated curriculum from K-12.

#### **Mathematics**

| Data  | Comments/Notable Observations                        |
|---|--|
| PSSA and Keystone data demonstrate inconsistent performance between grade | Curriculum alignment will eliminate gaps in the K-12 |
| levels.   | spectrum.  |

#### **Mathematics Summary**

#### Strengths

The district met or exceeded all State growth standards as demonstrated by PSSA and Keystone assessments.

### Challenges

The district challenge is to fully align the State standards with content from K-12 to eliminate gaps and create a fully articulated curriculum from K-12.

#### Science, Technology, and Engineering Education

| Data  | Comments/Notable Observations                        |
|---|--|
| PSSA and Keystone data demonstrate inconsistent performance between grade | Curriculum alignment will eliminate gaps in the K-12 |
| levels.   | spectrum.  |

### Science, Technology, and Engineering Education Summary

#### Strengths

The district met or exceeded all State growth standards as demonstrated by PSSA and Keystone assessments.

# Challenges

The district challenge is to fully align the State standards with content from K-12 to eliminate gaps and create a fully articulated curriculum from K-12.

#### **Related Academics**

#### **Career Readiness**

| Data             | Comments/Notable Observations                           |
|------------------|---|
| Chapter 339 Plan | Meets and/or exceeds all indicators in all grade levels |

#### Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs

False Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs Omit

| Data                               | Comments/Notable Observations                        |
|------------------------------------|--|
| General Agriculture, CIP (01.0000) | Program approval submitted in December to FRCCP CATS |

#### **Arts and Humanities**

**True** Arts and Humanities Omit

#### **Environment and Ecology**

**True** Environment and Ecology Omit

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

**True** Family and Consumer Sciences Omit

#### Health, Safety, and Physical Education

True Health, Safety, and Physical Education Omit

#### Social Studies (Civics and Government, Economics, Geography, History)

True Social Studies (Civics and Government, Economics, Geography, History) Omit

#### **Articulation Agreements**

**False** We do not have any articulation agreements because we do not have high school students, or ALL current agreements have been uploaded to other FRCPP plans.

#### **Partnering Institution**

Allegany College of Maryland

**Agreement Type** 

**Program/Course Area** 

General Agriculture

**Uploaded Files** 

ACM Ag Articulation 1.2020.pdf

**Partnering Institution** 

**Garrett College** 

**Agreement Type** 

**Program/Course Area** 

General Agriculture

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Garrett College Signed Articulation MOU.pdf

**Partnering Institution** 

Lackawanna College

**Agreement Type** 

**Program/Course Area** 

General Agriculture

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Lackawanna College Articulation Agreement.pdf

#### Summary

#### Strengths

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record 2-5 strengths which have had the most impact in improving your most pressing challenges.

Attendance and graduation rates have been positively impacted by fully staffing mental health and counseling professionals.

Trauma Skilled Program is in place to improve overall school culture which positively impacts student achievement and success.

Numerous articulation and dual enrollment agreements with various institutions to provide students the opportunity to earn college credits. .

#### Challenges

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record 2-5 Challenges which if improved would have the most impact in achieving your Mission and Vision.

# **Equity Considerations**

### **English Learners**

**True** This student group is not a focus in this plan.

#### **Students with Disabilities**

**False** This student group is not a focus in this plan.

| Data                                   | Comments/Notable Observations  |
|--|--|
| Eighteen percent of the population has | The district employs 10 teachers and 6 personal care aides to support an inclusion model in middle and |
| an Individual Education Plan (IEP).    | high school, Teachers with multiple certifications work with learning support students.                |
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# Students Considered Economically Disadvantaged

**False** This student group is not a focus in this plan.

| Data  | Comments/Notable Observations   |
|---|---|
| Thirty-Eight percent of the student population falls into the | Processes (PLC's - K-8) are in place to address the challenges commonly |
| economically disadvantaged subgroup.                          | associated with this subgroup   |
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|   |   |

# Student Groups by Race/Ethnicity

**True** This student group is not a focus in this plan.

### Summary

#### Strengths

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record the 2-5 strengths which have had the most impact in improving your most pressing challenges.

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| The staffing of the district provides necessary support to address student needs in the various subgroups. |  |  |
| The special education plan has met PDE specifications and is approved through the 2025 school year.        |  |  |
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| Challenges   |  |  |

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record the 2-5 Challenges which if improved would have the most impact in achieving your Mission and Vision.

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| Financial commitment will need to continue to maintain and expand adequate staffing in existing programs. |
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# **Designated Schools**

There are no Designated Schools.

# Supplemental LEA Plans

| Programs and Plans               | Comments/Notable Observations  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Special Education Plan           | Approved through 2025.   |
| Title 1 Program                  | SWP in place and approved.   |
| Student Services                 | School social worker serves the K-12 population. School nurse serves <750 pupils. Three counselors serve an average of <250 students per grade spans (elementary, middle, and high school) |
| K-12 Guidance Plan (339<br>Plan) | Maintained by three guidance counselors who coordinate the completion of requirements with staff.  |
| Technology Plan                  | K-12 1:1 program was implemented during COVID-19 to provide virtual learning opportunities for students.   |
| English Language                 | Currently there are no students with EL designations in the district. An IU8 consortium program is available to the  |
| Development Programs             | district is needed.  |

### Strengths

Review the comments and notable observations listed and record those which have had the most impact in improving your most pressing challenges.

#### Challenges

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record the 2-5 challenges which if improved would have the most impact in achieving your Mission and Vision.

#### Conditions for Leadership, Teaching, and Learning

#### **Empower Leadership for District Continuous Improvement**

| Foster a vision and culture of high expectations for success for all students, educators, and families                                 | Exemplary |
|--|-----------|
| Establish and maintain a focused system for continuous improvement and ensure organizational coherence                                 | Exemplary |
| Engage in meaningful two-way communication with stakeholders to sustain shared responsibility for student learning across the district | Exemplary |

#### Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction

| Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment   | Emerging |
|---|----------|
| Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction        | Emerging |
| Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning | Emerging |

### Provide Student-Centered Supports so That All Students are Ready to Learn

| Coordinate and monitor supports aligned with students' and families' needs                                   | Operational |
|--|-------------|
| Partner with local businesses, community organizations, and other agencies to meet the needs of the district | Operational |

#### Implement Data-Driven Human Capital Strategies

| Recruit and retain fully credentialed, experienced and high-quality leaders and teachers                              | Operational |
|---|-------------|
| Support the development and professional learning of central office and school-based staff in alignment with district | Operational |
| and school mission, vision, goals, and priorities   | Operational |

#### Organize and Allocate Resources and Services Strategically and Equitably

| Allocate resources, including money, staff, professional learning, materials, and support to schools based on the analysis of a variety of data | Exemplary |
|---|-----------|
| Coordinate fiscal resources from local, state, and federal programs to achieve the district's goals and priorities                              | Exemplary |

#### **Summary**

#### Strengths

With your vision and goals in mind, identify and record which essential practices are currently Operational or Exemplary and could be leveraged to improve your most pressing concerns.

The communication and focus on student success as referenced by our Vision and Mission is a strength which provides the focus for continuous improvement.

#### Challenges

With your vision and goals in mind, identify and record which essential practices that are currently Not Yet Evident or Emerging, that if improved, would greatly impact your progress in achieving your mission and vision.

The district needs to fully develop the curricular framework K-12. This will involve providing expertise and time to teachers in order to adequately address curricular gaps and articulation.

### Summary of Strengths and Challenges from the Needs Assessment

### Strengths

Examine the Summary of Strengths. Identify the strengths that are most positively contributing to achievement of your mission and vision. Check the box to the right of these identified strength(s).

| Chuanath   | Check for Consideration in |
|--|----------------------------|
| Strength   | Plan                       |
| The work with curriculum has been a continual work in progress with limited resources. The district is utilizing ESSER | Truce                      |
| funding to engage IU8 expertise to realign curriculum K-12.  | True                       |
| The district continually monitors teacher skill sets and strengths to make teaching assignments which result in        | True                       |
| maximum productivity.  | True                       |
| The district met or exceeded all State growth standards as demonstrated by PSSA and Keystone assessments.              | False                      |
| Attendance and graduation rates have been positively impacted by fully staffing mental health and counseling           | Folco                      |
| professionals.   | False                      |
| Trauma Skilled Program is in place to improve overall school culture which positively impacts student achievement      | False                      |
| and success.   | raise                      |
| Numerous articulation and dual enrollment agreements with various institutions to provide students the opportunity     | Folco                      |
| to earn college credits  | False                      |
| The district met or exceeded all State growth standards as demonstrated by PSSA and Keystone assessments.              | False                      |
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| The staffing of the district provides necessary support to address student needs in the various subgroups.             | False                      |
| The special education plan has met PDE specifications and is approved through the 2025 school year.                    | False                      |
| The communication and focus on student success as referenced by our Vision and Mission is a strength which             | Folso                      |
| provides the focus for continuous improvement.   | False                      |

#### Challenges

Examine the Summary of Challenges. Identify the challenges which are most pressing at this time for your District and if improved would have the most pronounced impact in achieving your mission and vision. Check the box to the right of these identified challenge(s).

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|---|----------------------------|
| Strength  | Check for Consideration in |
|   | Plan                       |
| The revision of the curriculum will address any gaps which currently exist from K-12.                                     | True                       |
| The monitoring of teacher effectiveness and placing them in the appropriate developmental grade/subject will              | True                       |
| maximize teacher and student performance.   | True                       |
| The district challenge is to fully align the State standards with content from K-12 to eliminate gaps and create a fully  | Falso                      |
| articulated curriculum from K-12.   | False                      |

| Financial commitment will need to continue to maintain and expand adequate staffing in existing programs.                | False  |
|--|--------|
| The district needs to fully develop the curricular framework K-12. This will involve providing expertise and time to     | False  |
| teachers in order to adequately address curricular gaps and articulation.  | 1 4130 |
| The district challenge is to fully align the State standards with content from K-12 to eliminate gaps and create a fully | False  |
| articulated curriculum from K-12.  | raise  |
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| articulated curriculum from K-12.  | raise  |

# Most Notable Observations/Patterns

In the space provided, record any of the comments and notable observations made as your team worked through the needs assessment that stand out as important to the challenge(s) you checked for consideration in your comprehensive plan.

# Analyzing (Strengths and Challenges)

# Analyzing Challenges

| Analyzing Challenges   | Discussion Points  | Check for<br>Priority |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| The revision of the curriculum will address any gaps which currently exist from K-12.  | It is critical to have a fully articulated K-12 curriculum to significantly exceed the growth standards in all content areas and grade levels. | True                  |
| The monitoring of teacher effectiveness and placing them in the appropriate developmental grade/subject will maximize teacher and student performance. | It is critical to have teachers assigned to content specific areas who demonstrate the ability to maximize student learning.                   | True                  |

# **Analyzing Strengths**

| Analyzing Strengths   | Discussion Points   |
|---|---|
| The work with curriculum has been a continual work in progress with limited           | It is critical to have a fully articulated K-12 curriculum to |
| resources. The district is utilizing ESSER funding to engage IU8 expertise to realign | significantly exceed the growth standards in all content      |
| curriculum K-12.  | areas   |
| The district continually monitors teacher skill sets and strengths to make teaching   | It is critical to have teachers assigned to content specific  |
| assignments which result in maximum productivity.                                     | areas who demonstrate the ability to maximize student         |
| assignments which result in maximum productivity.                                     | learning.   |

# **Priority Challenges**

| Analyzing Priority Challenges | Priority Statements  |
|-------------------------------|--|
|                               | It is critical to have a fully articulated K-12 curriculum to significantly exceed the growth standards in all content |
|                               | areas  |
|                               | Teachers would be assigned to areas they are the most effective in engaging learners.                                  |

### **Goal Setting**

Priority: It is critical to have a fully articulated K-12 curriculum to significantly exceed the growth standards in all content areas

#### **Outcome Category**

Rigorous Courses of Study Section

#### **Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal)**

SMART Goal: By the end of the current school year (June 2025), the school district will develop and implement a comprehensive K-12 curricular alignment plan, ensuring that all subjects and grade levels are aligned with state standards, using measurable benchmarks for progress and quality assurance measures, resulting in a minimum of 90% alignment across the district.

#### Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)

Curriculum Alignment

| Target Year 1                             | Target Year 2                    | Target Year 3   |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| ELA and Math<br>Curricular<br>Development | Science and<br>Social<br>Studies | SMART Goal: By the end of the current school year (June 2025), the school district will develop and implement a comprehensive K-12 curricular alignment plan, ensuring that all subjects and grade levels are aligned with state standards, using measurable benchmarks for progress and quality assurance measures, resulting in a minimum of 90% alignment across the district. |

#### **Outcome Category**

Essential Practices 1: Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction

#### **Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal)**

SMART Goal: By the end of this academic year (May 2026), all teachers in the school district will participate in monthly department professional development meetings focused on teaching strategies, data-driven instruction, and student-centered learning, resulting in a minimum of 90% of teachers reporting increased confidence and competence in utilizing a well articulated curriculum to inform instructional practices, as measured by ongoing review of PSSA and Keystone results. The district will conduct ongoing classroom observations and provide individualized coaching and support to teachers, resulting in an increase in value added indicators, as measured by standardized test scores at the end of the academic year.

#### Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)

**Teacher Effectiveness** 

| Target Year 1                            | Target Year 2               | Target Year 3  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
|  |                             | SMART Goal: By the end of this academic year (May 2026), all           |
| Monitor teacher classroom data and       | Monitor teacher             | teachers in the school district will participate in monthly department |
| practices. Engage in PLC's (Professional | effectiveness and make      | professional development meetings focused on teaching strategies,      |
| Learning Communities) to analyze,        | assignments as supported by | data-driven instruction, and student-centered learning, resulting in a |
| interpret and utilize results to effect  | data and classroom          | minimum of 90% of teachers reporting increased confidence and          |
| instructional improvement.               | observations.               | competence in utilizing a well articulated curriculum to inform        |
|  |                             | instructional practices, as measured by ongoing review of PSSA and     |

| Keystone results. The district will conduct ongoing classroom observations and provide individualized coaching and support to teachers, resulting in an increase in value added indicators, as measured by standardized test scores at the end of the academic |
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| year.  |

Priority: Teachers would be assigned to areas they are the most effective in engaging learners.

#### **Action Plan**

#### Measurable Goals

| Curriculum Alignment | Teacher Effectiveness |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
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#### Action Plan For: Curriculum

#### Measurable Goals:

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| Action Step  |  | Anticipated Start/Completion Date |            |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Teachers and Instructional Coach will work with IU8 curriculum specialist to revise the math and ELA curriculum. |  | 2023-09-07                        | 2024-06-01 |
| Lead Person/Position Material/Resources/Supports Needed  |  | PD Step?                          | Com Step?  |
| Eric Lauer/Instructional Coach IU8 Curriculum Specialists  |  | Yes                               | Yes        |

| Anticipated Output  | Monitoring/Evaluation (People, Frequency, and Method)                 |
|---|---|
| The curriculum in math and reading will be revised in all grade levels during | IU 8 will meet with teachers 3-4 times per month in person to process |
| the 2023-2024 school year.  | curricular revisions.   |

#### Action Plan For: Curriculum Development

#### **Measurable Goals:**

• SMART Goal: By the end of the current school year (June 2025), the school district will develop and implement a comprehensive K-12 curricular alignment plan, ensuring that all subjects and grade levels are aligned with state standards, using measurable benchmarks for progress and quality assurance measures, resulting in a minimum of 90% alignment across the district.

| Action Step  |  | Anticipated Start/Completion Date |            |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Teachers and Instructional Coach will work with IU8 curriculum specialist to revise the science and social studies curriculum. |  | 2024-06-01                        | 2025-06-01 |
| Lead Person/Position Material/Resources/Supports Needed  |  | PD Step?                          | Com Step?  |
| Eric Lauer/Instructional Coach IU8 Curriculum Specialists  |  | Yes                               | No         |

| Anticipated Output   | Monitoring/Evaluation (People, Frequency, and Method) |
|--|---|
| Teachers will have a fully articulated curriculum K-12 in each content area. | Instructional Coach and Building Principals           |

# **Professional Development**

#### **Professional Development Action Steps**

| Evidence-based<br>Strategy | Action Steps   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Curriculum                 | Teachers and Instructional Coach will work with IU8 curriculum specialist to revise the math and ELA curriculum.   |
| Curriculum                 | Teachers and Instructional Coach will work with IU8 curriculum specialist to revise the science and social studies |
| Development                | curriculum.  |

#### **Curriculum Writing**

#### **Action Step**

- Teachers and Instructional Coach will work with IU8 curriculum specialist to revise the math and ELA curriculum.
- Teachers and Instructional Coach will work with IU8 curriculum specialist to revise the science and social studies curriculum.

#### **Audience**

Reading and Mathematics Teachers - K-12

#### **Topics to be Included**

Curriculum Alignment to Match PA Content Anchors and Standards

#### **Evidence of Learning**

The evidence of learning will be successful completion of the process under the guidance of the IU8 curriculum specialists.

| Lead Person/Position                 | Anticipated Start | Anticipated Completion |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| Mr. Eric Lauer - Instructional Coach | 2023-09-07        | 2025-06-07             |  |

#### **Learning Format**

| Type of Activities   | Frequency           |  |  |
|--|---------------------|--|--|
| Collaborative curriculum development                         | 3-4 times per month |  |  |
| Observation and Practice Framework Met in this Plan          |                     |  |  |
|  |                     |  |  |
| This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings |                     |  |  |
| Language and Literacy Acquisition for All Students           |                     |  |  |

#### **Learning Format**

| Type of Activities                                  | Frequency              |  |
|---|------------------------|--|
| Collaborative curriculum development                | 3 to 4 times per month |  |
| Observation and Practice Framework Met in this Plan |                        |  |
|   |                        |  |

# This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings

Language and Literacy Acquisition for All Students

# **Communications Activities**

| Curriculum revisions K-12   |                                |   |   |                                 |                                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Action<br>Step              | Audience                       | Topics to be Included   | Type of Communication                     | Anticipated Timeline Start Date | Anticipated Timeline Completion Date |
|                             | All classroom<br>teachers K-12 | Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies. We will also revise the fine arts, health & Phys. Ed and Family and consumer sciences. | Instructional Coach, Building Principals. | 09/17/2023                      | 06/01/2025                           |
| Communications              |                                |   |   |                                 |                                      |
| Type of Communication       |                                | Frequency   |   |                                 |                                      |
| Posting on district website |                                | Annually  |   |                                 |                                      |
| Newsletter                  |                                | Annually  |   |                                 |                                      |

# Approvals & Signatures

| Uploaded Files                            |  |
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| Chief School Administrator | Date       |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Thomas A. Podpora          | 2024-07-12 |