

Curriculum and Instruction

Budget Proposals for years 2009-2012



Introduction

The purpose of this proposal is to initiate discussions about the possibilities for leveraging resources and increasing academic interventions for regular education students. "Academic Interventions" for students is an area where MSAD #11 should refocus budget goals. MSAD #11 currently budgets a proportionally small amount to support academic interventions for regular education students. \$27,364 is budgeted for Academic Tutorial and approximately \$50,000 is budgeted for an extra English Language Arts teacher at Gardiner Regional Middle School. The purpose of this proposal is to begin discussing how to better leverage funds in order to effectively improve academic interventions for students. These proposals are in order of priority.

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Proposal #1: Academic Interventions (aka Academic Tutorial) 2009-2010

Increasing local support for "Academic Tutorial"

These funds are used to support the various academic tutorial models at different grade levels. Academic Tutorial has been proven to be effective. Elementary schools that used this model extensively showed improved MEA scores. Gardiner Regional Middle School had less failures in 2007-2008. The model continues to evolve. It is a very cost effective way of providing support to many students. Approve creative use of these funds.	Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2009-2010	Change
	\$27,364	\$50,000	+ \$22,636

Proposal #2: Transitions Summer Program for Grade 8 2009-2010

Fully fund the Grades 8-9 Transitions Program

The Grades 8-9 Transitions program has historically been funded by charging tuition and supplementing with Federal Grant money. This program has shown to be highly effective in helping students transition to the high school.	Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2009-2010	Change
	\$0	\$10,000	+ \$10,000

Proposal #3: NWEA MAP test 2009-2010

Expand the NorthWest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress test to grades K-9

We would test students in grades K-9. This test has proven to be extremely helpful in goal setting for individual students and monitoring student growth. Additional funds will be for testing, equipment, and proctors.	Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2009-2010	Change
	\$13,000	\$20,000	+ \$7,000

Proposal #4: K-5 Intervention Teachers 2009-2010

Two additional Ed Tech III's at the K-5 level to provide reading and mathematics interventions.

In past years, District funds have supported non-Title I schools. The costs were roughly \$85,000. All schools are now Title I, but some schools are not fully supported due to the grant formula.	Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2009-2010	Change
	\$0	\$65,000	+ \$65,000

Proposal #5: Literacy Specialist 2009-2010

Grades 4-12 Literacy Specialist

This position would provide in-district professional development for all teachers in the area of literacy. The major focus would be teaching literacy across the content areas.. Most of this position will be funded with Title IIA grant funds. The district would pick up the difference in salary. This position would also oversee and provide guidance for the "Learning Lab" at Gardiner Regional Middle School.	Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2009-2010	Change
	\$0	~\$10,000	~+\$10,000

Proposal #6: Compass Learning 2010-2011

Individual Tutoring Software Grades 3-12

This software works closely with a student's NWEA RIT score in order to develop a student profile for the student. It then teaches the student. All types of students could use this software including Special Ed and Gifted and Talented. This software could be used during Study Halls, Academic Tutorial, Recess, Falcon Time, Community Learning Center, at home, ...basically anywhere a student has time to receive additional instruction. It can also be used for credit recovery and taking AP classes. The above budgeted amount would provide enough licenses for all students in Grades 3-12.
<http://www.compasslearning.com>

Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2010-2011	Change
\$0	\$80,000	+ \$80,000

Proposal #7: Learning Lab at GRMS 2010-2011

Creating a 6-8 Learning Lab

The GRMS Learning Lab would be established over time in order to continue the support that students received K-5 through Title I. It would eventually be staffed by two Ed Tech III's with support from the Literacy Specialist. The core of the program would be the Read 180 and Soar to Success programs. Math, Reading, and study skills would be taught.

Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2010-2011	Change
\$0	\$65,000	+ \$65,000

Proposal #8: Kindergarten Boot Camp 2010-2011

4 weeks of summer school for targeted Kindergarten and First Grade Students

This "Boot Camp" will support a targeted group of students who do not know their letters or who have low literacy skills. Testing data has shown that students who do not know any letters coming in to kindergarten usually do not catch up. Currently, 29 of the 31 students who did not know any letters coming into Kindergarten have not reached grade level reading yet. None of these students were in our PreK program.

Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2010-2011	Change
\$0	\$10,000	+ \$10,000

Proposal #9: Tech Support 2010-2011

Additional Ed Tech for Tech Support

Heavy use of technology has made it challenging to keep up with tech support. A lower level technician/integrator is needed to help at the K-5 level.

Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2010-2011	Change
\$200,000	\$225,000	+ \$25,000

Proposal #10: Lexia 2010-2011

Fully Implement Lexia Districtwide

This software program is currently being used at the Laura Richards School as a pilot. It is being funded through the Title I program. The results have been remarkable. It is hoped that at some point this can be implemented Districtwide.

Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2010-2011	Change
\$0	\$24,000	+ \$24,000

Proposal #11: Gifted and Talented 2010-2011

Additional GT teacher

We are expanding the gifted and talented program to the high school. More staff is needed. This is reimbursed by the state.

Current Funding 2008-2009	Proposed Funding 2010-2011	Change
~\$80,000	\$130,000	+ \$50,000

Please Note: Some of the 2009-2011 proposals are currently funded or partially funded through Federal Grants. Federal Grants keep shrinking every year and it is important to fund programs locally that data shows to be working. This will also free up some federal grant money to try new things to see if they work such as Compass Learning.