



Course of Action Response to Distinguished Educator's Report of 1/8/18

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COURSE OF ACTION

I. Governance

- a) Board of Education Training
- b) Superintendent of Schools Training
- c) Election Procedures

II. Budget and Fiscal Operations

- a) Forensic Audit Updates
- b) Operational Procedures
- c) Staff Training
- d) Facilities Plan

III. School Safety and Security

- a) Code of Conduct
- b) New Comprehensive School Safety Plan
- c) School Climate Mission Statement
- d) Restorative Justice
- e) Training in practices proven to improve school safety and climate

IV. Facilities Management

- a) Facilities Assessment
- b) Short-term Facilities
- c) Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan

V. High School Instruction

- a) New School Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
- b) Intervention Plan for Under credited Students

VI. PreK-8 Instruction

- a) Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
- b) Aligned Pre K 8 Content Area Curriculum

VII. Special Education

- a) Continue to implement current Action Plan under the guidance of RSE-TASC
- Special Education Department and Business Office delineation of duties and responsibilities – STAC and Medicaid

VIII. English Language Learners

a) Comply with the Corrective Action Plan

IX. Nutrition and Food Services

a) The District will receive technical assistance regarding the Child Nutrition Program

X. Information Technology Infrastructure

- a) Develop Comprehension Plan
- b) Smart Schools Bond Act Funding

Hempstead School District's Course of Action Response to Distinguished Educator's Report of 1/8/18

Action Plan: <u>Governance – Board of Education</u>

Goal: To provide ongoing training for the 5 board members focused on how to effectively execute their roles and responsibilities in a sound and transparent manner as demonstrated by adherence to the Board Policy and Education Law.

Activities What actions will occur? What steps will staff take? (Provide sufficient detail so that the reader will understand the purpose of activities and how they will be implemented immediately	Resources What are existing resources that can be used? What new resources can be used?	Timeline When will this activity begin and end?	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved? Who will take primary responsibility? Who else needs to be involved?	Monitoring Implementation What evidence will be gathered on an ongoing basis to document successful implementation of this activity/plan?
 Board of Education members will provide the District Clerk with a series of bi-weekly trainings needed to execute their duties; District Clerk to contact NYSSBA to solicit consultant to train the Board of Education on Open Meeting Laws and other areas The board will participate in a series of 2 - 3 hour trainings delivered by NYSSBA. 	NYSSBA District Policy – Section 2000 District's attorney	 Monday, Jan. 29, 2018; Feb. 5, 2018 Mar. 	 District Clerk Each Board of Education Member 	 Minutes of trainings Attendance at trainings Adherence to Education Law on Open Meetings Increase in the number of 5-0 votes

Action Plan: <u>Governance – Superintendent of Schools</u>

Goal: To provide ongoing training for Superintendent of Schools focused on how to effectively execute his role and responsibilities in a sound and transparent manner in order to improve working relationship with Board of Education and overall school improvement.

Activities What actions will occur? What steps will staff take? (Provide sufficient detail so that the reader will understand the purpose of activities and how they will be implemented immediately	Resources What are existing resources that can be used? What new resources can be used?	Timeline When will this activity begin and end?	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved? Who will take primary responsibility? Who else needs to be involved?	Monitoring Implementation What evidence will be gathered on an ongoing basis to document successful implementation of this activity/plan?
 Superintendent of Schools to research workshops and conference geared toward the roles and responsibilities of a superintendent; Superintendent to contact NYSCCOS to solicit training opportunities on how to Open Meeting Law; Superintendent will seek guidance from General Counsel on Board policies to ensure staff's actions are aligned with the mandates within; The Superintendent will participate in as many trainings for the remainder of the school year in the areas of: board and superintendent's relationships; Governance; Education law, etc. 	 NYSSBA District Policy Section 2000 District's attorney 	 Monday, Jan. 29, 2018; Feb. 5, 2018 Mar. 2018 	District Clerk Each Board of Education Member	Agendas and attendance at conferences, workshops, and minutes

Action Plan: <u>Governance – School Board Elections</u>

Activities What actions will occur? What steps will staff take? (Provide sufficient detail so that the reader will understand the purpose of activities and how they will be implemented immediately	Resources What are existing resources that can be used? What new resources can be used?	Timeline When will this activity begin and end?	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved? Who will take primary responsibility? Who else needs to be involved?	Monitoring Implementation What evidence will be gathered on an ongoing basis to document successful implementation of this activity/plan?
 District Clerk to execute the duties as lead person election proceedings District Clerk will reach out to Office of Attorney General and/or the NYSBBA to send a monitor to oversee the election process. Ensure polling place is handicap accessible Board of Registration to oversee voting and absentee ballot process (trained by Nassau County Board) Election inspectors and clerks trained by BOLD systems and Nassau County of Board of Election 	 District Policy Section 2012 - Election District's attorney Nassau County Board of Elections 	• Mar. 	 District Clerk General Counsel Appointed Monitor Maintenance Department 	 Postings indicate 45 days of election process Publication in 3 local papers (Spanish and English) Board of Registration oversee official count

Course of Action: Business and Operations

Goal: To create a business and operational procedural process that will ensure corrective action plans are implemented and adhered to.

Activities What actions will occur? What steps will staff take? (Provide sufficient detail so that the reader will understand the purpose of activities and how it will be implemented during the 18 - 19 school year)		Resources What are existing resources that can be used? What new resources can be used?	Timeline When will this activity begin and end?		Who is Responsible? Who is Involved? Who will take primary responsibility? Who else needs to be involved?		Monitoring Implementation What evidence will be gathered on an ongoing basis to document successful implementation of this activity/plan?
Conduct an assessment of business and operations to determine reorganizational need priorities	•	Interviews with key staff personnel Results from assessment	December 2017 – Jan. 12, 2018	•	Consultant from Nassau BOCES (no cost of district) Larry Dobroff Dr. Bierwirth	•	Assessment document Bi-weekly updates during Cabinet meeting by L. Dobroff Submission of documentation to Superintendent to support recommendations were implemented
To hire additional staff: P/T Treasurer Two (2) Account Clerks Accountant Temporary Purchasing Agent	•	Utilize available resources in Budget Code A1310.161.22.1000	February 2018	•	Larry Dobroff with assistance from Brigid Villareale. Dr. Gilmore to participate	•	Weekly update to be provided to Superintendent on the status of all hires – Medicaid, Payables/Attendance, Purchasing and Accountant

•	Additional Training of all Business Office staff to that will enhance	Utilize Resources of various organizations – Nassau BOCES, National School Business Officials	February 2018 – April 2018	 Larry Dobroff is responsible. Alvin McDaniel, Brigid Villareale and Larry Dobroff to participate in upcoming training seminars 	 Dates of trainings Agendas Conference Request forms Updates at Cabinet meeting by Business Official
•	Purchase Requisition	Utilizing both the IT department and Finance Manager for training	January 2018	 Larry Dobroff, Brigid Villareale, Keith Halop and Dr. Akoma 	 Update during weekly Cabinet Meeting Increase in the number of PO being created and paid in a timely manner
•	Creation of Budget for 2018 – 2019 with input from building leadership and community	 Meeting with building principals to determine priority items/resources Meeting with various department heads for input Public Work Sessions Budget Hearing BOE Approval Public Approval 	 October 2018 Draft to BOE – February 15, 2018 Adoption of Budget by April 20th Public Vote May 15, 2018 	 Larry Dobroff Superintendent of Schools 	 Calendar of events Postings Minutes from Cabinet and BOE meetings
•	Creation of a Business Office procedural manual to ensure there is a system in place aligned with our fiduciary responsibility and day to day operations	 Previous Business Operational Manuals Business Office Staff Expertise's BOCES Assessments 	• March – June 2018	 Larry Dobroff Bridgett Villareale Assistance from Technology Department 	 Updates at weekly Cabinet meetings Completed manual

Course of Action: <u>School Safety and Security – Safe Schools</u>

Goal: To achieve 100% Identification of all secondary students in order to mitigate the incidences of unauthorized students entering our buildings and disrupting the school day **ACTIVITIES** RESOURCES WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TIMELINE MONITORING **IMPLEMENTATION** All secondary IT Department Summer of 2018 Building Attendance teachers through October 31st students will be Administration/ Main Office 2018 (pending BOE Designee administered an **Guidance Department** approval and funding) identification card Security with proximity Director rights for the 2018-19 school year • Upgrade district's camera system • Hire a 24 hour Dispatcher Rewiring and alarming exit doors with motion detecting that triggers both verbal and noise warning systems

Course of Action: <u>School Safety and Security – Security Roles and Responsibilities</u>

Goal: Provide a safer a	nd more secure environment for stude	ents, staff and visitors, as well a	as a more conducive environment	for learning
ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES	TIMELINE	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	MONITORING IMPLEMENTATI ON
 Create a Security Manual detailing duties and responsibilities of staff Hiring and training of new Safety Officers; Training & retraining of existing Safety Officers, such as CPR & Defibrillator Training, and Gangs/Weapons; Purchasing of appropriate new vehicles to be used for district patrol Equipping each officer with the tools necessary to perform their duties, such as uniforms, radios, flashlights (night crews) 	 Current Security Manual IT Department; BOCES FEMA Other Security firms/consultants 	 2/2/18 – 4/1/18 January of 2018; Week of June 26, 2018, and as needed 	Security Director Personnel Director Business Office/Accounts Payable	Weekly reports from IT at Cabinet meetings Report to BOE at April's board meeting Purchase Orders Personnel Dockets

Course of Action: School Safety and Security - Code of Conduct

Goal: To upgrade the district's Code of Conduct Put mechanisms in place to help diminish the occurrence of violations to the code of conduct by students, staff and visitors

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	ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES	TIMELINE	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	MONITORING IMPLEMENTATI ON
•	Update district's current Code of Conduct Update comprehensive student attendance	 Current Code of Conduct District's Polices Education Law General Council 	• Feb. 5, 2018 – March 31, 2018	 Central Administration Building Administration Security Director/Department 	 Weekly updates at Cabinet Meetings Presentation at Board of Education
	policy with emphasis on truancy				Meetings in April Committee sign-in
•	Corrective Action steps for violators of the Code of Conduct				sheets, agenda, and minutes
•	Students receive workshops on the Code of Conduct				

Course of Action: School Safety and Security - Restorative Justice

Goals:

- <u>Accountability</u>: Restorative justice strategies provide opportunities for wrongdoers to be accountable to those they have harmed, and enable them to repair the harm they caused to the extent possible.
- <u>Community Safety</u>: Restorative Justice recognizes the need to keep the community safe through strategies that build relationships and empower the community to take responsibility for the wellbeing of its members.
- <u>Competency Development</u>: Restorative Justice Strategies increase the pro social skills of those who have harmed others, address the underlying factors that lead youth to engage in delinquent behavior, and build on strengths in each young person

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 Train social workers, school psychologist, guidance counselors, teachers and administrators to be an expert team in restorative practices in all district schools order to model, conduct restorative practices. Restorative practices information webinar. Train student on Restorative Circles 	 Webinar on restorative practices. Board approved funding Gang intervention and 	May 2018 to May 2020	District Administrators, Social Workers, School Psychologists, guidance counselors	 Plate to Plaque Monitoring System-when one of the 11 essential elements is the focus of the professional development it is considered on the plate When all appropriate staff members develop proficiency with an element on the plate, the element moves to the plaque The plague is displayed to document staff proficiency as it is achieved with each element

 Work collaboratively with community; reestablishing PTO/PTA and discuss restorative practice, establish partnerships with community members to volunteer with students who are at-risk. Involve community partners in social emotional aspect which will promote learning and achieving academic goals. Community space in each building 	 Teacher volunteers, parent volunteers, community volunteers Space in each building Board approval Partnerships with Home Depot, Hofstra, Junior Achievement, Chase, LICM, Molloy, Adelphi, Bank of America, NEFCU. Hispanic Civic Association, Hispanic Counseling, Youth Advisory Council, Youth Advisory, Police 	• May 2018 to May 2020	District Family Community Engagement Committee Teacher Advisor per building PTO/PTA Cabinet Administration (School and District)	 Sign in sheets and meeting minutes Contracts with partners Student monthly meetings with sign-in Maps of community spaces in schools
Create a district-wide data dashboard that can be used by school data teams-dashboard should include academic red flags, behavior, attendance, grades, RTI	Time allocation to do the work RTI training in all schools Technology Training	 Immediately Monthly meetings 	 Data/RTI teams, school psychologists Social workers Administrators Grade level leaders Department chairs PTO/PTA parent representation 	 Signs in sheets Data binders Meeting minutes Monthly dashboard update

Action Plan: School Safety and Security - Superintendent's Hearings

Goal: C	larify procedures to assu	ire cons	istency and adhe	erence to regulation	ns regarding Superintenden	t's Susp	pension and Hearings
Activitie	es	Resou	rces	Timeline	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved?	Monit	oring Implementation
	Establish written procedures for referrals and processing thereof	•	Legal mandates and state regulations	2 – 15 -18 To 2-28-18	Assistant Superintendent Pupil Personnel Services	•	Initial document will be approved by superintendent and reviewed by assistant superintendent at the commencement of each school year
	All involved parties will be trained regarding procedures	•	New Training Manual Workshop Leader (BOCES)	3-19-18 Distribute 4-9-18 through 4-13-18 Training	Assistant Superintendent Pupil Personnel Services	•	Evaluate quality and appropriateness of referrals per established chart

Action Plan: School Safety and Security - Attendance Policy and Accountability

Activities	Resources	Timeline	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved?	Monitoring Implementation
 Update written job description of roles and responsibilities Update Students' Attendance Policy Presentation to Administrators Regarding Roles Monthly Meetings 	State guidelines Survey of other school districts Existing descriptions Internal and external presenters	5 -20 -18 To 6-20-18	Assistant Superintendent Pupil Personnel Services	Initial document will be approved by superintendent and reviewed by assistant superintendent at the commencement of each school year Attendance at sessions Monthly logs and summary of meetings

Course of Action: <u>Business Office – Facilities</u>

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 To conduct an assessment of all district facilities for continuous improvement to inform planning while correcting current deficiencies 	 NYS School Facilities Association (FSA) BOCES 	 Jan. 19 – 30, 2018 Feb. 15, 2018 	SFATim GreggLarry Dobroff	SFA AssessmentWork OrdersInvoicesAssignment of work logs
Facilities assessment will be used to determine high priority needs and use the information to begin to upgrade, repair, and beautify all school facilities.	FSA AssessmentSchool Dude	• Feb. 2, 2018 until all areas are addressed	Tim Gregg Larry Dobroff	Work OrdersInvoicesAssignment of work logs
To create a 5-year Capital Plan that includes the rebuilding of Rhodes School and eventual removal of all portables throughout the district	Plans from BBSInput from community	January 2018 - until	Regina ArmstrongLarry Dobroff	 Community passing of Bond Monthly update of project at BOE meetings

Course of Action: Hempstead High School - Effective Implementation of School Improvement

Goal: Increase the overall graduation rate and the number of students earning regents diplomas by 5-10% annually; reduce the number of students below grade level in ELA and mathematics 5% annually; and Implement interventions/alternative pathways to address overaged/under-credited students.

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Review, Revise and Update School Improvement Plan	• SIG • PSSG • CSG	Feb. 2- May 1, 2018	 Building Principal School Leadership Team CET 	Quarterly ReportsMonthly CET Meetings
 Engage Stakeholders in the process of continued school improvement. This will be done through focus groups, town-hall meetings, and parent workshops. 	• 'SIG • PSSG • CSG'	Feb. 2- June 30,2018	AdministrationCET	Meeting AgendasSign in sheetsMinutes
Increase capacity of instructional staff to teach <u>CCLS</u> in all content even through Embedded Professional Development.	SIGPSSGSchool Leadership	Feb. 2- June 30,2018	School LeadershipSchool Administration	Meeting AgendasSign in sheetsMinutes

Course of Action: Pre K – 8 Instruction

Activities What actions will occur? What steps will staff take? (Provide sufficient detail so that the reader will understand the purpose of activities and how it will be implemented during the 18 - 19 school year)	Resources What are existing resources that can be used? What new resources can be used?	Timeline When will this activity begin and end?	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved? Who will take primary responsibility? Who else needs to be involved?	Monitoring Implementation What evidence will be gathered on an ongoing basis to document successful implementation of this activity/plan?
Formulate PK-8 instructional committee	N/A	1/24/18	R. Armstrong	J. Bierwirth
Assess curriculum/instructional programs and staff professional development needs Instructional committee will design survey Teachers will complete a district wide survey on instructional programs	Office 365 survey feature for the district	 Survey drafted by 2/6/18 Survey administered and completed by 2/16/18 (goal of 80% or higher participation rate) 	Instructional committee will design and administer survey with support from district principals	Instructional Committee Members

Draft a district-wide comprehensive curricular, programmatic and instructional framework for all learners • Create a strategic plan for completing the framework (i.e. subcommittee formation, audit of current resources, school budgets, program implementation districtwide) • Review and consider current/desired curricular and instructional initiatives (IB program, Tri State Consortium, Dual Language program, etc.) that will guide the framework	Tri-State Consortium IB Program Nassau BOCES Hofstra University Adelphi University	Start Date -2 /2/18 Completion - 3/1/18	Instructional committee Oversight	J. Bierwirth R. Armstrong Instructional Committee Members
Creation of a Pre K – 8 content area (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies) horizontal and vertical aligned curriculum	Existing Curricular and Scope and Sequence Incorporation of New generation standards for different content areas	Start Date – 2/26/18 End Date – 4/27/18	Instructional committee Oversight • All district directors • School Principals • Content area sub- committees (TBD)	J. Bierwirth R. Armstrong Instructional Committee Members

Course of Action: Special Education

Activities What actions will occur? What steps will staff take? (Provide sufficient detail so that the reader will understand the purpose of activities and how it will be implemented during the 18 - 19 school year)	Resources What are existing resources that can be used? What new resources can be used?	Timeline When will this activity begin and end?	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved? Who will take primary responsibility? Who else needs to be involved?	Monitoring Implementation What evidence will be gathered on an ongoing basis to document successful implementation of this activity/plan?
See APRON	RSE – TASCDiscipline Manual	• 2016 – 17 through 2017 - 2018	Director of Special Education	 PD Schedule Agendas, Minutes, Attendance Sheets Letters from SED confirming compliance in various areas

Course of Action: Bilingual/English Language Learners

Goal: To continue implementing the State approved Corrective Action Plan through the 2018-2019 School Year					
Activities What actions will occur? What steps will staff take? (Provide sufficient detail so that the reader will understand the purpose of activities and how it will be implemented during the 18 - 19 school year)	Resources What are existing resources that can be used? What new resources can be used?	Timeline When will this activity begin and end?	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved? Who will take primary responsibility? Who else needs to be involved?	Monitoring Implementation What evidence will be gathered on an ongoing basis to document successful implementation of this activity/plan?	
See Corrective Action Plan	Professional Development PlanRBERNS	2016-2019	Ms. ArmstrongMrs. Lovett	Quarterly Reports	

Course of Action: Food and Nutrition

Activities What actions will occur? What steps will staff take? (Provide sufficient detail so that the reader will understand the purpose of activities and how it will be implemented during the 18 - 19 school year)	Resources What are existing resources that can be used? What new resources can be used?	Timeline When will this activity begin and end?	Who is Responsible? Who is Involved? Who will take primary responsibility? Who else needs to be involved?	Monitoring Implementation What evidence will be gathered on an ongoing basis to document successful implementation of this activity/plan?
 Create a citizen's committee composed of different stakeholders, inclusive of students and nutrition experts 	Lunch and Breakfast menus	April 2018	Director of Food Services Committee	 Monthly reports to Superintendent Agendas, minutes, and sign-in sheets from committee meetings
Solicit the assistance of the NYS School Lunch Program to provide an assessment of the district's current food program	Past audit assessments reports from NYS	April 2018	NYS School Lunch Program	NYS School Lunch Program Assessment

Course of Action: Information Technology Infrastructure

Goal: To provide a technology plan that will include improvements in the District's infrastructure, classroom technology, instructional tools, and professional development for teachers in the use of such tools to promote collaboration among students in an active learning environment.

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Conduct a District-wide needs assessment for continuous improvement to inform planning while correcting current deficiencies in technology systems and procedures.	District staff and technology committee, BOCES, Vendor partners	March 2018	 Assistant Supt. Technology Tech Committee District Leaders Nassau BOCES Selected Vendors 	New and improved systems implemented Feedback from Teachers, students, parents and staff of the community
Develop and submit a multi-year plan for technology.	District staff and technology committee, BOCES, Vendor partners	June 2018	 Assistant Supt. Technology Tech Committee District Leaders Nassau BOCES Selected Vendors 	 Action Plan Document New and improved systems implemented Walk-through of classrooms Feedback from Teachers, students, parents and staff of the community
Develop and submit a Smart Schools Investment Plan for expending the District's allocation. This will include engagement of the stakeholders and non-public schools.	District staff and technology committee, BOCES, Vendor partners	May 2018	 Assistant Supt. Technology Tech Committee District Leaders Nassau BOCES Selected Vendors 	 Action Plan Document New and improved systems implemented Walk-through of classrooms Feedback from Teachers, students, parents and staff of the community