

# Monomoy Regional Middle School School Improvement Plan



**PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
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# MRMS School Improvement Plan – Process



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# MRMS School Council members



- Thanks to:

- Janet Our, parent
- Joy Jordan, parent
- Kim Robbins, parent
- Cheri Armstrong, teacher
- Peg Lynn, teacher

- What's unique about the MRMS SIP?

- Narrative format
- Powerful themes

# School Improvement Plan

## CCSS Themes



- Citizenship
- Creativity
- Scholarship
- Stewardship

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## Citizenship Theme



- **Citizenship**

- Construct and teach interdisciplinary units that leverage the unique history and environment of Cape Cod
  - ✦ Train staff in service-learning
  - ✦ Develop capstone projects that address environmental issues and/or matters of social justice
- Establish and sustain a school culture that celebrates growth, achievement, and citizenship
  - ✦ Refine the SHARK initiative
- Improve the institutional environment through student ownership and school pride
  - ✦ Involve students in building maintenance and upkeep

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## Creativity Theme



- **Creativity**

- Improve the institutional environment to advance student learning
  - ✦ Upgrade STEM lab to a flexible space for student collaboration and design (maker space)
  - ✦ Expand STEM instruction and provide fifth graders with a foundational course in technological literacy
- Promote 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills
  - ✦ Initiate a one-to-one, lease-to-own Google ChromeBook initiative
  - ✦ Construct interdisciplinary units that reflect STREAM content
  - ✦ Embed “seminar” courses within the master schedule to provide intervention / enrichment opportunities
- Embed “defining moments” within the middle school experience
  - ✦ Pursue unusual opportunities (fields trips, special events, instructional units, etc.) that help define the MRMS experience

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## Scholarship Theme



- **Scholarship**

- Strengthen curriculum by adopting a standards-based, common format for unit design
  - ✦ Train staff in Understanding by Design
  - ✦ Embed Differentiated Instruction into unit design
  - ✦ Use common assessments to track student progress and ensure equitable learning outcomes across classrooms
  - ✦ Provide substantial training and support as district implements Math-in-Focus
- Improve student ability to analyze complex texts
  - ✦ Model effective approaches to literacy instruction
  - ✦ Focus on high-yield strategies
    - Identifying similarities and differences
    - Summarizing and note-taking
    - Non-linguistic representations of text

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## Stewardship Theme



- **Stewardship**

- Provide effective school-to-home communication
  - ✦ Explain grading practices by publishing a syllabus for each course
  - ✦ Improve timeliness of school-to-home communication through ASPEN
- Strengthen parent and community partnerships in support of student learning
  - ✦ Define purpose and responsibilities of MRMS Parents Group and increase its membership
  - ✦ Support development and implementation of a VIPS program



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MRMS will work toward the ambitious goals in our SIP over the next two years...

...and will likely need to adjust this “living document” as we proceed.

## Q&A