



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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At Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, it is our mission to provide a positive learning experience in a safe educational environment that encourages all students to reach their full potential, emphasizes the value of a strong work ethic, and prepares them for adult life in a competitive world.

OBJECTIVES

1. Safety and Security

The Council endorses ideas currently under discussion and the continuation of plans already in progress to increase safety and security at Shawsheen through facility upgrades and procedural improvements. The council recommends ongoing assessment of school safety to ensure necessary adjustments are made in a timely fashion.

2. ALICE Training

Concerning social trends necessitate revisions to the school's current lockdown procedure. The Council endorses the Administration's plans to implement ALICE protocols instead of traditional lockdown procedures and urges ongoing training for staff and students.

3. Staff and Student IDs

All students and staff must be able to identify anyone in the building and be able to discern immediately if someone does not belong. To that end, the Council endorses the requirement that staff and students must wear their Shawsheen photo ID badges and assigned lanyards at all times. The Council supports the extension of this requirement for all substitute teachers and visitors.

4. Mental-Health Training, Substance Use Prevention Education, and Student Supports

The Council recognizes the prevalence of mental-health, substance use, and other issues that, with increasing frequency, impact student attendance and performance within the culture of the school. The Council therefore recommends the continuation of training related to high-incidence issues—and the implementation of additional supports for students. The Council also approves of administration's plans to allocate space and increase staffing to increase mental health supports for students over the coming years.

5. Mobile-Device Plan

The Council recommends the continued implementation of the Mobile-Device Plan, to increase staff and student access to technology to support student learning, growth, and achievement in 21st century learning environments.

6. Concurrent Enrollment

The Council recognizes the importance of providing students with opportunities to accrue postsecondary credentials during high school. The Council endorses the administration's plans to begin offering concurrent-enrollment courses through Middlesex Community College.

7. Curriculum Revision: Spanish I & II

The Council enthusiastically endorses the integration of Spanish I and Spanish II courses into the normal school-day schedule, and the goal of making these courses available to juniors during the 2018-2019 school year, and then to both juniors and seniors during 2019-2020 school year.

8. Curriculum Expansion: Elective Courses

The Council recognizes that student will benefit from various, specialized, elective course offerings that align with the various postsecondary paths students pursue. The Council endorses plans to expand elective course offerings based on student needs and interests, including but not limited to: Digital Literacy, Financial Literacy, Construction Management and exposure to in-demand skills for Advanced Manufacturing.

9. Curriculum Expansion and Facility Upgrade: Greenhouse and Environmental Science

The Council endorses plans to build a Greenhouse and to offer an Environmental Science Course that will engage students in hands-on learning experiences by utilizing the Greenhouse

10. Curriculum Expansion and Facility Upgrade: Culinary Arts Food Truck

The Council endorses plans to design a Food Truck that the Culinary Arts department will use to engage students in hands-on learning experiences at community events.

11. Facility Upgrade: Student Parking

The Council supports plans to increase efficient oversight of student parking through measures discussed, such as numbering and assigning students to individual parking spaces. Any expansion of parking on campus would be beneficial to students, faculty, staff and visitors.

