

PLAN FOR THE CURTAILMENT OR ALTERATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE CHAMBERSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Chambersburg Area School District plan for alteration and curtailment of program in order to conform to standards of organization and educational activities established by the Board of School Directors and required by law (the "Plan") shall be as follows:

1. Goal: The within-described alteration and curtailment of program will enable Chambersburg Area School District to conform to standards consisting of the increase in core content instructional time in Math, Reading, Science, and Social Studies. This Plan proposes that the unified arts program comprised of Family Consumer Science, Art, Music, Drivers Education, Library, Physical Education and electives time allocation will be decreased. The increased time in core content areas is expected to positively impact student achievement, while maintaining all requirements of Chapter 4 contained in the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Moreover, in some existing elective courses in grades 6-12, course enrollment numbers have declined which, together with improvements in student scheduling, justifies the recommendation that elective courses below ten students not be offered.
2. Rationale: The alteration and curtailment of the curriculum is necessary for three reasons. First, the three secondary schools serving grades six through twelve did not make adequate yearly progress, placing two of the three schools in corrective action status and one in school improvement. Secondly, the reconfiguring of the grade structures and programming in the three secondary schools will start in 2011-2012 school year making it necessary to curtail or alter program in the 2010-2011 school year as a preliminary step to the reconfiguration. Thirdly, although the curtailment and alteration of curriculum outlined above would suggest a reduction in core content instructional time, in the 2009-2010 school year, the Board of School Directors (the "Board") increased the core content instructional time in the elementary schools, thereby mitigating the overall educational effect of this Plan.
3. Implementation: The Plan will be submitted to the Board for approval at its January 13, 2010 public meeting. Upon approval by the Board, the Superintendent will submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (the "Department") a cover letter, the Plan and Board minutes approving the recommendation of the Superintendent and requesting approval of the alteration and curtailment of program. The Plan will be implemented following approval by the Department. Following departmental approval, the Plan will be implemented starting in the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Responsible Administrator. The administrative team member responsible for implementation of the alteration and curtailment of program and liaison with Department is Christopher Bigger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.