## **Action Plan for Learning**



**School Name: Hazel Trembath Elementary** 

**School Goal: Numeracy** 

School Year: 2020/2021

# **Goal / Inquiry**Student learning

To improve and enhance students' skills and fluency in the area of numeracy/mathematics; specifically, the curricular competencies of:

- Reasoning and Analyzing:
  - By improving students' mental math strategies and abilities to make sense of quantities
- Understanding and Solving:
  - By improving math fact fluency (speed and accuracy) and understanding and applying it to inquiry and problem solving

By developing and using multiple strategies to engage in problem solving, and using visualizing to explore mathematical concepts

### **Rationale**

1-3 reasons for choosing goal

The staff has been working individually and with some collaboration in the 2019/2020 school year, on a range of lessons/strategies/units to improve students' understanding of math computations; it is felt that by further developing a collective approach we can seek to:

- develop better math fluency, leading to more flexible math thinking
- prepare students for more critical math
- increase students' confidence and enjoyment in math, lowering "math anxiety"

During the articulation process, we have been having more conversations about the math program(s), the challenges students are encountering, and student anxiousness around math. By choosing a math goal, we hope to see an improvement in students' math performance and sense of well-being when it comes to numeracy.

## **References** and sources to support actions

### **Resources:**

- Carole Fullerton's "Mastering the Facts" teacher resources
- SD43 Learning Services
- Math Focus 3, 4, 5 (workbooks are a new resource acquired for upcoming year)
- Maureen McQuarrie
- Bryn Williams

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### Continuing Practices

Continuing practices working well (1-3)

**Planned Actions** 

- What will we do differently? (1-3)
- Skills and drills (some teachers do review/teaching of skills and regularly have students complete "drills" to enhance recall, have practice and give teacher feedback)
- Regular use of "ten frames" to help students learn basic math facts/number sense and gain mental math fluency

Using "executive function" clocks (ie. magnets on the rim of a clock to give a • How will we provide for sense of the passage of time). staff development and Regular use of "Wall Math" to develop "math language" and practice using collaboration? • How will we involve math concepts What will we do differently? parents? We want to continue to look at a more collaborative model so we build • How will we involve continuity with reference to Math Drills students? Continue to put an emphasis on math application in our ongoing conversations • How will we monitor Create a "silent math" instead of just silent reading (using buddies) progress and adjust We will collect data at the start of the year and look at where we are at the end actions? of the year (this was interrupt in 2019/2020 due to COVID-19) Staff Development/Collaboration Resource sharing (Carole Fullerton/Trevor Calkins) > Use a portion of staff meetings for updates/conversations > Devote a portion of school based pro-d to math conversations **Parent Involvement** Involve parents through evening practice (flash cards and manipulatives) Make goals known at PAC and through newsletter Student Involvement > Teachers will work with students to create class and personal math goals and commitments (share thoughts on "collaborative goals and next steps section of report cards) **How Do We Monitor Progress and Adjust Actions?** ➤ We will evaluate our starting point and use data such as the FSA's to inform our progress > Teacher assessment/reflections ➤ We will monitor class/student goals

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#### **Documentation of learning Key Evidence of Change** Key evidence of change This is a newer goal for our school, but the staff recognizes that with a • How did your actions math goal and intentionality, we can reduce math anxiety and improve make a difference? students' math fact fluency and mental math abilities • Choose 1-3 pieces of We have discussed areas where we can continue to embed math, such as evidence to demonstrate in Kilometer Club goal setting and day to day opportunities, rather than the impact your actions focusing on math in isolation have had on student Many staff have begun using document cameras to assist students with learning to meet your executive function (previous goal) and they have seen where the cameras are helpful in exploring multiple step math problems; they would like to Documentation could continue to build on this include video, survey **Documentation** results, performance ➤ We would like to once again, generate a baseline, create class/student standard data, anecdotal evidence, work samples, specific goals, regularly review progress at staff meetings/pro-d, and see etc. what progress can be made in a year (we are hopeful that we will be able to collect both the baseline data AND the evidence of growth) **Backup Documentation School Community** Last year a survey was sent to staff with a selection of possible "APL goal" foci, **Engagement Process** including an "other" choice. We used that data to guide our dialogue at a • How did you engage Professional Development day in June 2019 and narrowed down our goal to parents, teachers,

Based on Teacher Judgement

2019/2020 FSA's, Start of year/End of year data, Classroom Assessment

students & support staff in developing your APL?	one with a math/numeracy focus. As there was an interruption to our plan, we would like to continue to work on it in the upcoming school year
<ul> <li>How did you share your APL goals with parents,</li> </ul>	We will examine the APL goal at our staff meeting where support staff will be in attendance
teachers, students & support staff?	The new goal will be highlighted at the September PAC meeting, and has been included in students' 2020/2021 agenda, and will appear on our website
	<ul> <li>Our APL goal will also appear in the first newsletter of the school year</li> <li>We intend to work on math goal setting with students so that they are both aware and involved</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>Reflection Highlights</li> <li>Where are we now?</li> <li>What are some patterns emerging?</li> <li>What surprised you?</li> <li>What conclusions / inferences might you draw?</li> <li>How does this inform potential next steps?</li> </ul>	We are looking forward to continuing our focus on a newer goal and seeing how much we can reduce math anxiety and improve students' mental math strategies and math fact fluency.  We have noted that math fact recall is slow, leading to challenges as math becomes more multi-stepped/complex in intermediate. We have also noticed that students are increasingly more anxious about math as a subject area.  Conclusions/Inferences  Looking for opportunities to continue to embed math in a range of areas and be intentional about goal setting and collaborating. Our hope is that we will see an improvement in student performance, an increase in student confidence, and a reduction in anxiety.  By continuing to increase intentionality, we also hope to build teacher confidence with regard to instructional practice
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## (Delete this section if Literacy is your main goal)

Literacy Data	Classroom Assessment based on Teacher Judgement was not completed	
Attach the following:	FSA results:	
<ul> <li>Classroom Assessment</li> </ul>	https://app.powerbi.com/groups/me/reports/fe89d758-a723-46c9-bc2d-	
<ul> <li>School Assessment</li> </ul>	ad360d8a3ec2/ReportSection4d10a8f1555a3cad1d0a?ctid=d9658cef-0292-	
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