

# USD #377 Atchison County Community Schools News Release



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## USD 377 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT NEWS

USD #377 teachers, administrators, and staff are currently reviewing and revising school improvement plans at each level (elementary, middle school, and high school) in order to make recommendations to the Board of Education regarding adoption of new plans.

The School Improvement Plan (known as the SIP) is a requirement of the No Child Left Behind act and the Kansas Guidelines for school accreditation (QPA). Each school improvement plan targets specific areas (including reading and math) for improvement. Educational strategies and interventions are recommended and adopted by teachers and staff at each level to help students improve in targeted areas. Goal measures including state and local assessments are examined to measure student progress and guide the improvement process.

The process of school improvement is ongoing and uses the data gathered from testing to guide educational decisions and to help teachers make modifications to the plan. The goal of the Atchison County Community Schools SIP's is continuous improvement and enhanced learning for all students.

Serving as leaders in the School Improvement Process are the chairpersons of the school improvement teams including:

High School- Jennifer Hansen

Middle School- Becky Campbell and Eileen Montgomery

Elementary School- Anita Stutesman and Sharon Worley

The final School Improvement Plans will be presented to the Board of Education this spring for final approval. The approved plans will be available on the USD 377 school website.

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