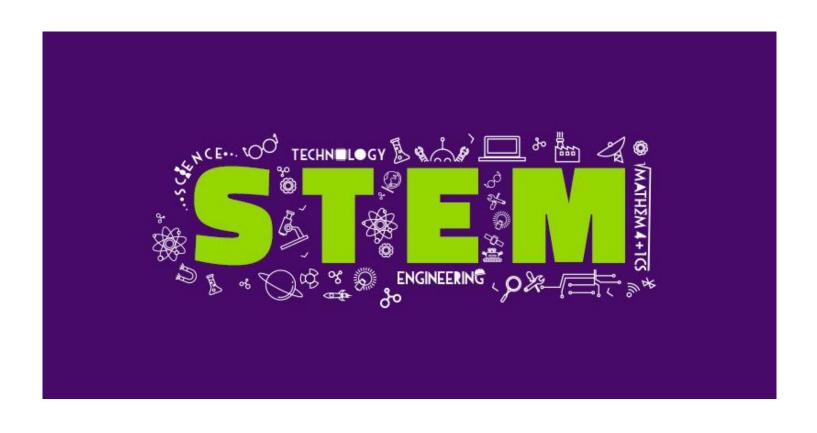
# Board of Education Meeting February 6, 2020



## Emphasis on STEM Education 2014-2020....

Science Initiative
 Engineering Initiative



## Goals of New Initiatives Which Began in 2014

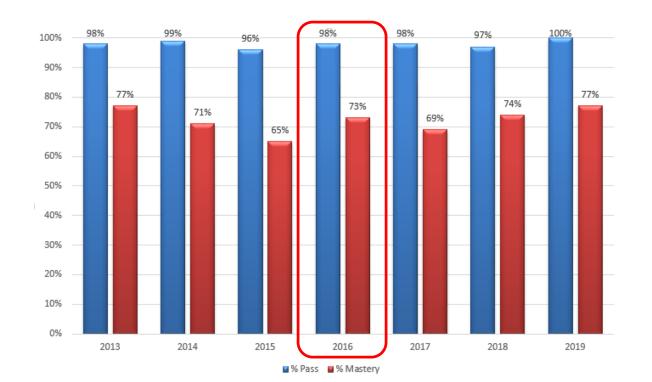
- Restructure the secondary science sequence to provide more flexibility and more opportunity for all students.
- Universally accelerate all students to take their first science regents class in grade-8.
- All students in a given grade level are taking the same science subject area.
- Greater support and new classes to provide additional opportunities for students to take Chemistry & Physics.
- Utilize Project Lead the Way as a tool to increase engineering opportunities for students.

## 2014-2015 Grade-7

- Restructuring of Science-7 course
  - Ongoing
  - Four Units
    - 1. Scientific methods and principles
    - 2. Physics
    - 3. Chemistry
    - 4. Introduction to Life Science
  - Use of CK-12 Online

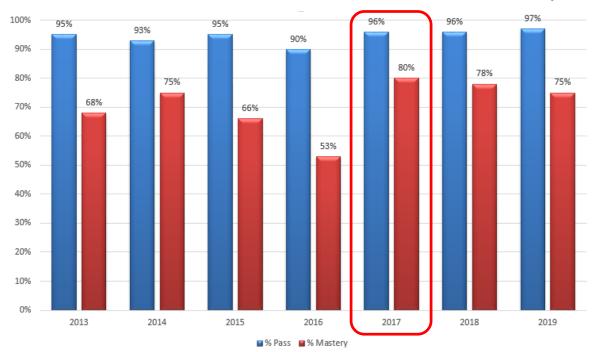
## 2015-2016 Grade-8-Biology

- Universal Acceleration of students into Living Environment or Living Environment Honors.
- Elimination of Science-8.



## 2016-2017 Grade-9-Earth Science

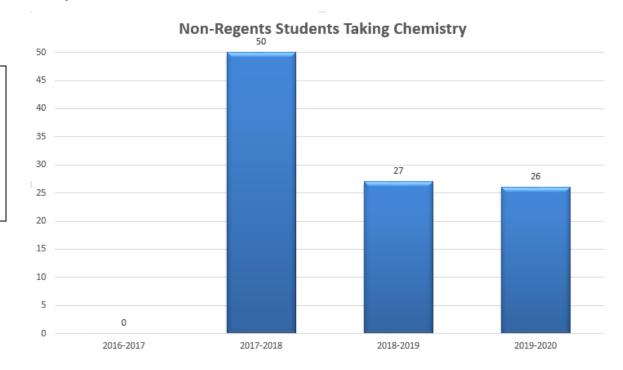
- Three levels of Earth Science Offered:
  - Earth Science Regents
  - Earth Science Honors (New)
  - Earth Science Honors/AP Environmental Science (New)



## 2017-2018 Grade-10-Chemistry

- Three levels of Chemistry Offered:
  - Applied Chemistry (New)
  - Chemistry Regents
  - Chemistry Honors

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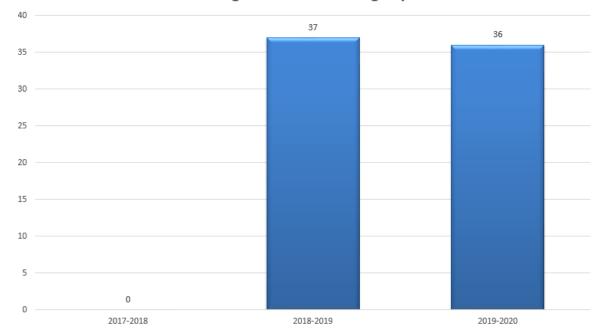


## 2018-2019 Grade-11-Physics

- Three levels of Physics Offered:
  - Applied Physics (New)
  - Physics Regents
    - Added new offering of Physics X class for support
  - AP Physics-1

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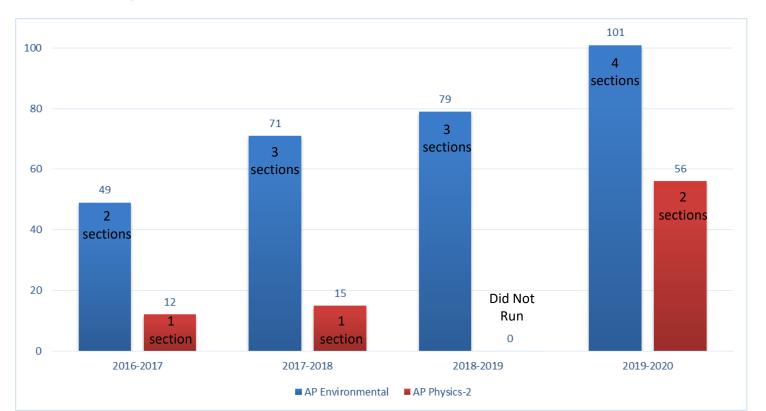
#### **Non-Regents Students Taking Physics**



#### 2019-2020

#### Grade-12

- Expansion of AP classes:
  - AP Environmental Science
  - AP Physics-2



## **Engineering with PLTW**

- PLTW offers five programs:
  - PLTW Launch, designed for grades K-5; (modules)
  - PLTW Gateway, designed for grades 6-8; (units)
  - PLTW Computer Science, <u>PLTW Engineering</u>, and PLTW Biomedical Science, each designed for grades 9-12. (courses)
- PLTW uses a project-based curriculum.
- Students apply what they know to find unique solutions.
- Students lead their own learning.
- Students are not passive recipients of information in a questionand-answer, right-or-wrong learning environment.

Uses the <u>Design Process</u> to teach Problem-Solving Skills

#### **PLTW Trained Teachers**

Mr. Frank Russo

(AR, DM, IED, POE, AE)

Ms. Alexis Williams

(AR, DM)

Mr. Michael Tarnowski

(AR)

Kim Viscovich & Michael O'Brien

**PLTW LAUNCH Lead Teachers** 

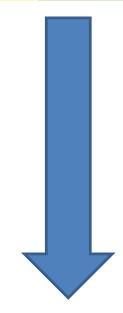
Teachers must attend off-site training for each module, unit, or course that they teach.

## **PLTW Rollout**

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2020	Properties of Matter	Force & Interactions	Collisions		Automation & Robotics	Design & Modeling	Intro to Eng Design	Principles of Eng	Aerospace Eng	Computer Integrated Manufacturing

## **2020-2021** and Beyond

- Computer Integrated Manufacturing
  - New Equipment
    - Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machine
    - Metal Laser Cutter
- Additional Training
  - Frank Russo
    - CIM
  - Alexis Williams
    - IED
  - Michael Tarnowski
    - DM
  - Kim Viscovich & Michael O'Brien will train Grade-4 teachers in the Collisions Unit.

## **Future of Engineering**

- Innovation Lab
  - Relocation of all MS and HS Technology classes to the New STEM Lab.
  - Tentatively scheduled for summer of 2021.

## **Questions?**



