SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2017-18

Proposed Changes
Presented to School Committee
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Topics Covered

- Course Selection Process/timeline
- Efficiency and Occupancy
- Proposed changes
- Questions

Course Selection Process

- Process starts after February break
 - Feb 13:
 - POS distributed to students
 - School Counselors conduct class presentations
 - Feb 27:
 - Students obtain teacher recommendations
 - March 6-24:
 - Counselors meet with individual students

Course Selection Process

- March 27:
 - Course tallies and Directors allocate FTE set sections
 - Directors meet with Administration to review sections
- April 3:
 - Set teaching assignments
- February April:
 - Data entry
- June 1: Anticipated completion of Master Schedule
- June-August: Counselors meet with students to resolve conflicts

Items to consider....

- Efficiency and Occupancy
 - 2016-17 School year
 - Oct. 1 Enrollment = 1792
 - 95% of students placed into selected courses
 - 5% of schedule conflicts
 - 96% of classrooms are used continuously vs. 76% 2 years ago
 - 2017-18 School year
 - Increasing enrollment (≈50 students)
 - Keeping class size as low as possible
 - Delicate balance of adding sections and space
 - Based on current & projected enrollment there are minimal proposed changes

Physical Education

 Minor adjustments in Creative Movement activities.

The *Creative Movement* strand includes the following activities:

Ice breakers, Swing, Waltz, Line Dancing, Hip Hop, Yoga and Cardio Kickboxing.

Family Consumer Science

Mediterranean Cuisine will be offered during the 2017-2018 school year, while Foods of the World will not be offered during the 2017-2018 school year.

Science

Add new language changing prerequisite for *AP Physics* 1. The modified course prerequisite is as follows: Prerequisite: *Honors Level Science and Honors Pre-Calculus* and teacher recommendation.

Foreign Language

- Add new course: Spanish II Language and Culture.
 - Designed to meet the needs of students who will not take more than 2 years of a foreign language

Instructional Technology and Media Services (ITAMS)

- Add new course: Computer Science Principles.
 - Project Lead the Way course
 - Programming languages such as Python, php and SQL
 - Projects will include app development, image processing & cybersecurity

QUESTIONS?