

NORTH TONAWANDA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STRATEGIC PLAN 2009-2010

**District Goal: *Student achievement will increase by 10%***

<b>DEPARTMENT: English Language Arts Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>					
<b><u>Objectives:</u></b> <i>What are your specific goals?</i>	<b><u>Action Steps:</u></b> <i>What steps and activities will be initiated to achieve this goal?</i>	<b><u>Responsible Parties:</u></b> <i>Those working toward goals and identified point person</i>	<b><u>Timeline:</u></b> <i>Start and End dates</i>	<b><u>Measurable Evidence:</u></b> <i>What evidence shows progress of achieving this goal?</i>	<b><u>Plan(s) For Improvement:</u></b> <i>How can we continue to improve upon these goals?</i>
<b><u>Objective #1: Grade 7</u></b>  Students will evaluate the validity & accuracy of information, ideas, themes, opinions, and experiences in a text	~ Develop lessons using technology to help students evaluate the validity & accuracy of various texts, including fiction & nonfiction	~Grade 7 ELA Teachers  ~CT, Self-contained, & Resource special education Teachers  ~ Reading Lab Teacher <b>PP: Quinn</b>	11/2009 to 6/2010	~ Unit Tests  ~ Parallel Assessments	~ Continued grade level lesson plan development meetings  ~ Attendance at conferences, workshops, & staff development activities that focus on the implementation of technology
<b><u>Objective #2: Grade 8</u></b>  Students will determine the meaning and use literary devices, such as symbolism, simile, metaphor, illustration, personification, flashback, foreshadowing to convey the author's message or intent	~ Develop and implement lesson plans & activities that not only require the definition and identification of such devices, but also analysis of the author's use of them within the text  ~ Modify & create classroom assessments that are parallel to NYS ELA questions	~ Grade 8 ELA Teachers  ~CT, Self-contained, Resource special education Teachers  ~ Reading Lab Teacher <b>PP: Quinn</b>	11/2009 to 6/2010	~ Classroom Assessments  ~ ELA Scores April 2010	~ Continued grade level lesson plan development meetings  ~ Best Practice sharing at monthly department meetings

