We identified a need in our school to increase contact time in Core classes. I coordinated a group of stakeholders to become our master schedule planning committee. This group conducted surveys, visited other area schools, and conducted research on schedule best practices. After working for 2 years, we were able to implement a new master schedule that increased contact time in Core classes by 30%, added new courses such as Literacy in the Core (a skills based class to coordinate common core skills in content classes), foreign language in 6th grade, and continued to meet state mandates for middle schools. Since the implementation of this new master schedule, we have seen an increase in student achievement and been able to continue to gather feedback for enhancements to the schedule. An example of this, was this past year we were able to add additional time for Physical Education in grade 7.