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To: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer, Board of Education

From: Dr. Phil Pakowski

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Subject: October Board Report

### **Curriculum Guide Proposal**

The Curriculum Committee met on October 14th to review changes for the 2027-2028 curriculum guide. At that meeting MCHS Department Chairs shared the proposed changes with the Curriculum Committee members present. There were several new courses proposed in CTE, English, World Language, and Math that will be available for students in the fall. Course descriptions were updated for multiple departments, including CTE, Math, Physical Education, and Social Studies. There were also courses to be archived due to low enrollment or similar courses available.

### **Fall Testing Update**

On Wednesday October 14th we administered the PreACT exam to all Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman. Teachers and testing coordinators did an outstanding job making adjustments and helping students to successfully complete their exams. I would like to thank the staff at Central and South campuses for their flexibility and support on testing day. I would like to especially thank **Angie Ferro, Matt Shanahan, Sarah Bonnar, Wes Anderson, Meghan Bednarz, Jim Kelly, Kyle Johnson, Wes Anderson, Brandon Thompson, and Amy Hocking.**

### **Curriculum Revision and Committee Work**

Currently our Science and Math departments are working on revisions and alignment of their curriculum. Science is working on completion of our Biology curriculum and assessments to meet the needs of our freshman students, Math is beginning their revisions and assessments for Algebra II.

This year we have added a Numeracy Committee to go alongside our Literacy Committee. The Numeracy Committee met on October 8th to define their goals and discuss how numeracy can be found across the curriculum. Dr. Tracy Adams and Mr. Chris Erickson are the leaders of the Numeracy Committee, which includes members from each instructional department at MCHS.

The Literacy Committee is now in year two at MCHS. Dr. JaRita Steward and Mr. Chris Pendergast will continue to run the Literacy Committee, which also includes members from each instructional department at MCHS. The Literacy Committee also met earlier this year and has run professional development for staff during our Little Bite presentations at each campus. Their focus this year is modeling our expectations for students by shining a spotlight on staff members reading as well as sharing strategies for increasing reading across the curriculum.