BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVI, MICHIGAN
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

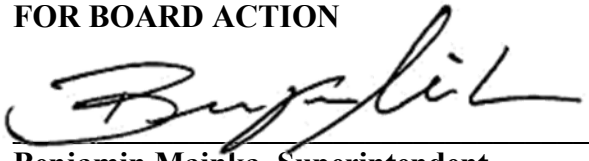
TOPIC: Universal FAFSA Challenge Grant Opportunity

MiLEAP offers the Universal FAFSA Challenge Grant opportunity to raise awareness and increase participation in FAFSA.

- MILEAP indicates that students who complete the FAFSA are 84% more likely to engage in postsecondary enrollment, and that 90% of seniors completing FAFSA immediately enroll in postsecondary education.
    - Novi High School: Approximately 85% of graduating seniors enroll in college or university within 6 months of graduation. There is no state data on other pathways.
- This is one-time money, so we would not use the funds to hire staff or for subscription tools. Funds may be used to support
    - Data tracking efforts
    - Meetings with students and educating families
    - Partnerships with postsecondary institutions
    - Per direct communication with MILEAP, we may use some funds to offset existing costs associated with the grant objectives.
- Funds would be received by January 31st, 20276. Last year, districts received $781.73 per 12th-grade student.
- Local requirement: By June 30th, 2027, we would have to update our graduation requirements to include completion of FAFSA or approved exemption.

This comes to the Board tonight as information and discussion and will return for approval at the December 10, 2027, Regular Board Meeting.

APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED
FOR BOARD ACTION



Benjamin Mainka, Superintendent