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To: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer, Board of Education

From: Jamie Soliman

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Subject: December Board Report

Incoming Freshman

At the end of November, our South Student Services Team and Athletic and Activities Director visited Minooka Junior High and Channahon Junior High to welcome the Class of 2029 and share upcoming important information including Incoming Freshman Night and course selection. Incoming Freshman Night will be January 22, 2025. Our new class of Minooka Indians will have the opportunity to meet our staff and learn how to get involved in extracurricular activities.

School Improvement Team

The School Improvement Team, which includes members of every department, including staff from both South and Central Campus, have been working hard this year on their initiatives in the areas of Culture & Climate, Consistency, and Involvement. We are in the process of analyzing our goals and collecting data in all three areas. Currently, the Culture & Climate Team joined forces with clubs/activities to decorate the common areas of both campuses. The Consistency Team is gathering feedback on the cell phone initiative that began at the start of this school year. The Involvement Team continues to organize events for students and staff, and encourage more students to attend MCHS events.

Teacher Institute Day

Upon our return from winter break, our staff will be involved in our last Institute Day of the school year. We have a full day planned which includes a general session to include welcoming new and returning staff, information on finalizing semester 1, mental health first aid, and an all staff photo in the new gym. In addition, departments will have time to work on department goals and with their professional learning communities. The afternoon consists of specialized meetings including articulation with our feeder schools, a dual credit/advanced placement teacher collaboration, a mentor meeting, a co-teaching meeting, and a spring coaches meeting. Finally, staff will have time to complete individual professional responsibilities.

Holiday Celebrations

As we bring the first semester to a close, we look forward to celebrating the holidays with our staff during the week of final exams. On December 17th, we will gather for an all staff luncheon during the 3rd block at both campuses. In addition, we will gather for a support staff luncheon on December 20th. We want to thank all our staff for a successful first semester and hope they enjoy their well deserved time off during the holidays.