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To: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer, Board of Education

From: Jamie Soliman

Date: March 19, 2025

Subject: March Board Report

### **Junior ACT Presentations**

During the last two weeks of February, Dr. Pakowski and I presented information on the upcoming ACT to the junior class. I presented five reasons students should take the ACT, how the ACT is important for college applications and scholarships, and that more businesses are requiring ACT type skills to be accepted into their apprenticeship programs. Dr. Phil followed up with how to prepare for the ACT, the workshops we offer at MCHS that all students can take advantage of, and what the testing day will look like. We encourage all students to do something to prepare, whether that be free practice online or an ACT prep class. Juniors were sent our presentation and it was posted on our website for future reference.

### **Hall Pass Pilot**

The School Improvement Team initiated a conversation around an electronic hall pass option for our students. We researched surrounding districts on their processes, and found out that our own 5Star system had an electronic hall pass option. Eight teachers from the school improvement team volunteered to pilot the 5Star Hall Pass system, and began the pilot the first week of March. Although still fairly new, the feedback has been overall positive. Thank you to the following staff who are piloting the program: Chrissy Burgess, Dani Ward, Elli Wilkey, Tim Harrison, Adrianna Walker, Nicole Lehning, Allie Kelly, Monica Hannigan, Central & South Campus Dean's Office.

### **Women in Education Leading and Learning Conference**

On March 11th and 12th, I attended the Women in Education Leading and Learning Summit in Bloomington, IL. This year, I was fortunate enough to bring several staff with me: Tracey Adams, JaRita Steward, Alison Kelly, and Elli Wilkey. We will be bringing back ideas to our staff on how to lead, even without the title. Thank you for providing this opportunity to us to learn and connect with women leaders from all over the state!

### **Student Assembly**

The School Improvement Team continues to meet regularly in the areas of Consistency, Involvement, and Culture and Climate. One event that this team has organized is an upcoming student assembly on March 18th. The purpose of this event is to recognize our student accomplishments in the areas of academics, activities, and athletics. In addition, we will see student performances from our percussion group, orchesis, and the musical. Finally, we will have student versus staff competitions.