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To: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer, Board of Education

From: Dr. Phil Pakowski

Date: September 17, 2025

Subject: September Board Report

### **Curriculum Guide Review**

Department Chairs have begun the process of reviewing the Curriculum Guide and preparing changes for board approval at the Curriculum Committee meeting. Topics discussed include: changes to the current curriculum guide, new course proposals, archiving courses that are no longer running. This year's new courses will be focused on the new learning spaces that MCHS will have once construction is complete.

### **Fall Assessments**

This fall we will be giving all Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors a digital PreACT exam on Wednesday, October 8th. Seniors will not be in attendance that day and will be able to schedule college visits and job shadowing opportunities. We will run a modified testing schedule on October 8th at both campuses. Families and students have been sent information regarding the testing day on October 8th. Again, the purpose of providing all students with an online practice exam is to help prepare them for this format of testing in the Spring.

### **New Teacher Mentor Meeting**

New teachers and their mentors met on Wednesday, September 3rd to review the MCHS process for evaluations as well as an overview of the observation process for teachers. Thank you to Brad Dorick and Andres Torres for running the meeting. A special thank you to our staff members that shared their thoughts on successful observations and classroom management strategies with our new teachers.

### **Materials for New Teaching Spaces**

With the addition of the CTE wing at Central Campus and the Fieldhouse at South Campus, we have been working with staff to determine what equipment and supplies will be necessary to provide our students with the best learning experience possible.

Thank you to Athletic Director Matt Williams, CTE department chair Jon Calder, World Language, Music and Art department chair Jeff Easton, and PE department chair Matt Smith for their work to make sure we have everything ready once construction is complete.

We will be sharing information with the board in the coming months as we prepare to purchase new equipment and supplies for these spaces.