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To: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer, Board of Education

From: Jamie Soliman

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Subject: July Board Report

Walk Your Schedule Day

Walk Your Schedule days will be held on August 4th (Central Campus) and August 5th (South Campus). Students and families are welcome to stop in between 8:00am and 2:00pm to explore the campus and get their yearbook picture taken. Matt Wikoff and Kevin Murphy have been working with their campus teams on set up and information for students. Our main office will be open for questions, while our student services office will be open for schedule questions.

Freshman Experience

Freshman Experience day is scheduled for August 6th from 7:35 am - 10:20 am at South Campus. The day will begin with greetings and comments from key people at MCHS, including the drum line and cheerleaders. Freshmen will proceed through their class schedule and receive important information for the start of the school year. Kevin Murphy, Assistant Principal at South Campus, is partnering with Anthony Babich, Chris Erickson, and National Honor Society students to create a meaningful experience for our students to reduce the stress and anxiety of beginning the school year. In addition, each student will receive a "Class of 2029" MCHS t-shirt to wear to Freshman Experience. We look forward to welcoming the class of 2029 to the MCHS family!

New Staff Orientation

Brad Dorick and Andres Torres are leading our New Staff Orientation program again this year. At this time we will have 14 new hires this fall, which include teachers, support staff, and an assistant transportation director. Our teachers will be paired with a mentor for the upcoming school year, while our support staff and assistant director will be mentored by their supervisor. Mentor meetings for teachers will be held monthly to support new staff as they acclimate to their positions. This program is tailor made to better fit the needs of all new staff. We have found success in this program and continue to run it in the same manner to provide the best onboarding experience.

Institute Days

Our first two institute days will be August 11th and August 12th. We planned for both days with input from the administrative team and MEA board members. The days include general sessions, a motivational speaker, department meetings, rotation sessions, teacher work time, new teacher/mentor meeting, and dual credit teacher training. We look forward to welcoming our new and returning staff back for another great year at MCHS!