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From: Dr. Phil Pakowski

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Subject: September Board Report

Curriculum Guide Review & New Course Presentations

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. There will be a focus on dual credit offerings, AP courses, and continuing to add CTE courses for students using the new CTE wing.

Fall Assessments

This fall we will be giving all Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors a digital PreACT exam on Wednesday, October 14th. 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 14th at both campuses. Families and students have been sent information regarding the testing day in order to help prepare students for the exam. 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.

We will also be offering the PSAT NMSQT for any interested Junior that would like to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition. This test will be on Saturday, October 17th.

New Teacher Mentor Meeting

Ms. Solimand and I met with our new teachers and their mentors on Thursday, 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.

New Teaching Spaces

Staff and students have given very positive feedback about the new classrooms and learning areas at Central Campus. Our English department has frequently used the open hallway spaces and our Industrial Tech teachers have been settling into their new classrooms. Both students and teachers have expressed how much they enjoy working with the new equipment and spaces.