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From: Dr. Phil Pakowski
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Subject: November Board Report

Planning for Feeder School Articulation

In early November, administrators from Minooka District 201 and Minooka 111 met to plan our annual articulation meeting between MCHS 9th grade teachers and 8th grade teachers from both Channahon Jr. High and Minooka Jr. High. The articulation meeting will take place on our January 4th institute day in the afternoon. Teachers will discuss how to continue to improve the transition from 8th grade to High School for all of our students . Conversations are planned around academic support and social emotional support for students. Feedback regarding these annual meetings has been very positive and teachers look forward to this opportunity to collaborate with our feeder schools.

Fall Testing Results

PreACT results from the October 14th testing day have been received by MCHS and have been sent to families and students so they can review their results. Overall student scores were shared with department chairs who will share with staff to begin planning and developing test prep materials to help students improve their scores in the spring. Each department has prepared a goal to help increase student achievement and the test results will be part of the plan to increase student success on the spring ACT.

AP Exams Ordered

AP exams were ordered on November 13th for students taking full-year courses and first semester courses. MCHS placed an order for 1,165 AP exams for 712 students. AP Exams will be taken over the course of two weeks in May, 2027.

Student Course Selection

Counselors at both campuses have begun preparing for course selection for the 2027-2028 school year. Our junior students will begin selecting courses when we return from Thanksgiving break, followed by our current sophomores and then our freshman students in January. We will be meeting with our incoming freshman in January to complete the registration process for next school year. PowerSchool will be used again this year for registration for the first time this year. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Wikoff will be overseeing the course selection process at their respective campuses.