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## COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

*High Expectations and Continuous Improvement for All*

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To: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer, Board of Education

From: Jamie Soliman

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Subject: March Board Report

### **Junior ACT Presentations**

On March 3rd and March 4th, Dr. Pakowski and I presented information on the upcoming ACT to the junior class. We presented benefits of the ACT, whether students are going to college, into the trades/workforce, or the military. In addition, students were provided links to additional information on college applications and scholarships, apprenticeship programs, and the ASVAB test. Finally, we presented what the ACT day will look like at MCHS, how to prepare for the ACT, and free practice offered to all students. We encourage all students to do something to prepare for testing day. Juniors were sent our presentation for future reference and it is posted on our website.

### **Student Advisory Groups**

As part of the Student Focus team of the Strategic Plan, Jeff Easton, Tracey Adams, and I met on March 2nd and March 5th with our student advisory groups. Forty students across all grade levels participated in discussions related to grading practices, late work, retake practices, common classroom experiences, and early release day activities. Students, who were selected by classroom teachers, were active participants in our meeting, offering ideas and suggestions for improvement. Our next meeting will take place in April.

### **Student Assembly**

The School Improvement Team continues to meet regularly this semester. One event this team played a large role in organizing was the March 10th student recognition assembly, alongside Hillary Holden and the Student Council. The assembly aimed to celebrate student achievements in the areas of academics, activities, and athletics. Additionally, we featured impressive performances from Winter Guard, Percussion, JV Dance, Orchestra, and the musical cast. Finally, students and staff participated in competitions of Masked Teacher, Wig Snatch, and Head/Knees/Cup. The energy at both campuses was intense!

### **March Staff Appreciation**

On March 17th, our staff will be appreciated with a festive St. Patrick's Day gesture. Small bags of treats will be available in the staff lounges at both campuses for everyone to enjoy. Each gift will be tagged with the message, 'Rainbow seeds and a bit of gold! We are so lucky to have you!'

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

On March 19th and 20th, I will attend the Women in Education Leading and Learning Summit in Peoria, IL. Again, I am fortunate enough to bring several staff with me: Tracey Adams, JaRita Steward, Hillary Holden, Christine O'Brien, and Ellie Bell. We will be bringing back ideas to our staff on how to develop leaders within our staff. Thank you for providing this opportunity to us to learn and connect with women leaders from all over the state!