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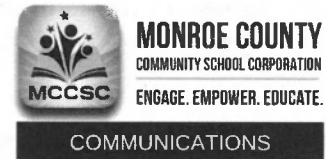
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To: Media Outlets

From: Monroe County Community School Corporation

Date: May 23, 2023

RE: MCCSC Board of School Trustees Regular Meeting



(Bloomington, IN) Tonight, at the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the Monroe County Community School Corporation took the first step in seeking a family-centered, community-focused referendum by approving a resolution that allows the superintendent to alert the county auditor of the proposed referendum tax rate.

The MCCSC Administration, staff, and community leaders have been exploring the need for a family-centered, community-focused referendum in order to fund essential educational and operational expenditures. MCCSC plans to assist families with costs they face on an annual basis by leveraging funds for education-related expenses and expanding early childhood education programming.

In the November 7th election, MCCSC expects to ask voters to approve the rate not to exceed \$0.085 per \$100 of assessed property value. Dr. Jeff Hauswald stated “MCCSC will have decreases in other property tax rates, which would result in an overall projected rate increase to be less than four cents should the referendum be approved by the Board of School Trustees at a future meeting and should the voters support the referendum.” With the proposed rate, a homeowner with property valued at \$250,000 can expect to pay approximately \$50 annually as a result of the referendum.

The referendum, if supported by voters, would fund:

- Affordable early childhood education for ages 3-5
- Free instructional materials, including technology, supplies, and consumables for all students
- Free testing (by requiring no family payment) for any exam (e.g., AP, workplace certificate, etc.)
- Free career education, including tuition, testing, supplies, and associated fees

The MCCSC will host a community meeting on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00pm at the MCCSC Co-Lab (553 East Miller Drive). MCCSC will be sharing information on the impact of a possible 2023 family-centered, community-focused referendum. Individuals who are unable to attend may watch the presentation live on MCCSC’s Youtube Channel (@monroecountycommunityschools). Any comments or questions may be submitted to mccscsupt@mccsc.edu.

Our community has a long history of supporting local, public schools, including the 2010 and 2016 referenda, as well as the 2022 referendum. We look forward to discussing the educational needs of our families and the ways MCCSC can work with families to help address the needs of our community.

The Board of School Trustees is expected to vote at its June 27th meeting on the wording of the referendum question that will appear on the November ballot. Learn more about the proposed family-centered, community-focused referendum at www.mccsc.edu.

In other business, the Board of School Trustees approved the personnel report that was presented, which included the following administrative changes for the 2023-2024 school year:

Dominick Stella, Principal, Jackson Creek Middle School

Dr. Dominick Stella earned his doctorate in educational leadership from Indiana University. Most recently, Dr. Stella has served as assistant principal at Jackson Creek Middle School for four years. Before this, Dominick worked as a visual arts teacher.

Ashley Kane, Principal, Arlington Heights Elementary School

Ashley Kane earned a master's degree in educational administration and leadership from Columbia University and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Arizona State University. Most recently, Ashley has served as principal of Greenbrier Elementary School in Glendale, Arizona.

Chandler Pogue, Assistant Principal, Tri-North Middle School

Chandler Pogue earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Indiana University. Most recently, Chandler has served as assistant principal at Edgewood Junior High School in Ellettsville, Indiana.

Gayla McAdams, Assistant Principal, Clear Creek Elementary School

Gayla McAdams earned a master's degree in curriculum and teaching from Hollins College. Most recently, Gayla has served as an assistant principal at Bloomington High School North for six years. Before this, she served MCCSC as a special education teacher.

Charlton Cavette, Assistant Principal, Arlington Heights and Rogers Elementary Schools

Charlton Cavette earned a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Ball State University. Most recently, Charlton has served as an elementary science, technology, engineering, & math teacher at Stonybrook Intermediate Middle School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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The Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) serves nearly 11,000 students from diverse populations in 23 schools in Monroe County, Indiana. MCCSC is a leader in STEM and EARTH curricula, encompasses a Performing Arts Academy, International Baccalaureate schools, Dual Immersion programs, multiple Career Pathways, a Career Center, as well as numerous College Credit opportunities to prepare students towards college and career readiness. Our commitment, as we educate tomorrow's leaders, is to Engage, Empower, and Educate all students in a world-class learning environment empowering them to maximize their educational success in becoming productive, responsible global citizens.

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