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for tomorrow's world.

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2023-24 educational progress for **Monroe County Middle College**. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Robert Krueger, MCMC Principal for assistance at robert.krueger@monroeisd.us or 734-342-8751. The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website:

https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,9473,1735,102

Or you may review a copy in the main office at the Middle College.

For the 2023-24 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2022-23. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given, MCMC did not receive one of these labels.

We are very proud of what MCMC has accomplished over the past fourteen years; however, all schools face unique challenges and Monroe County Middle College is no exception. According to the Annual Education Report the number of "College Ready" students, as measured through the SAT increased this year to 51%. That percentage reflects being "College ready" in both Math and Evidence Based Reading and Writing. The number increases to 75% when considering only the EBRW score. Because the work we do at the middle college is so heavily dependent on college enrollment and success we are aware that students become college ready for different classes and at different times. For example, a student may be "College Ready" for an entry level college course, but not for college level math. We are aware of these differences in our students and help them enroll in classes for which they are truly ready. We are in our third year of a math curriculum redesign that was put in place to better support students after Algebra Two. The number of students who have participated in this math redesign has grown and they have done very well in their subsequent college math class. Monroe County Middle College is in the middle of its fourteenth year of operation. We continue to review data from various sources to increase the number "college ready" students.

State law requires that we also report additional information. Monroe County Middle College operates under the auspices of the Monroe County ISD and is partnered with all nine local school districts in the county. Students must apply to attend MCMC in February preceding the school year they plan to enroll. Applications are required because enrollment is limited due to space restrictions on our post-secondary partner's campus, not because MCMC is a highly selective or gifted and talented school. Seats are allotted based on the resident district of the student and not solely based on prior academic performance.

As the State of Michigan has transitioned to the MICIP (Michigan's Integrated Continuous Improvement Process) the Monroe County ISD and MCMC have transitioned as well. The 2023/2024 School Year is our third year on this new process. The Middle College is excited to work closely with school improvement consultant at the Monroe County ISD on the development of a long term MICIP plan.

As a public school in the State of Michigan our core curriculum consists of the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC). Due to the design of MCMC the required components of the MMC are met primarily in the first three years of the student's experience. This approach allows our student greater flexibility with the scheduling of college courses during their last two year in our school. Any parent, student, community member or any other stakeholder can review a copy of our core curriculum through our website or by visiting our office.

Our students have taken the SAT the past number of years with April of 2020 being the exception. Our scores decreased quite a bit after the pandemic, for example, April of 2019 the mean SAT score was 1105.7 and dropped to a 1054 for the April 2022 administration. The April 2023 administration saw the first gain in scores since the pandemic and our students scored a 1093 average score.

We had an overall participation rate of 13% at our Fall 2023 parent teacher conferences. This seems low, but the participation rate the 9th grade cohort was 33%. It is typical that as our students progress through MCMC they take less and less high school classes so we would expect to see virtually no parents of students in years four or five attend parent teacher conferences.

As an early/middle college, dual enrollment makes up a large portion of our school. For the 2022-2023 school year there were 254 students dual enrolled. During the 2021-2022 school year there were 278 students dual enrolled. This represents an average of 75% of our student body for each school year. During the two prior school years there were a total of 7822 college credits attempted and 6623 credits earned for an 85% success rate as defined as a letter grade of C or higher. This pass rate is well below our historical average of approximately 90% C or higher. This lower rate of C or higher can be attributed to the sudden shift to many online college courses, which persisted at a higher rate in the 21/22 school year than traditional years, and some remaining challenges caused by the pandemic. For the most recent semester, Fall of 2023, the pass rate with a C or higher was 87%. There were no college equivalent courses offered.

The Monroe County Middle College is completing its fifteenth year of operation and we are encouraged by our students' performance. Also, we understand there is much work to be done but we look forward to the challenge.

Sincerely,



MCMC Principal