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DATE: August 21, 2024

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Laurie Maughan

SUBJECT: CMHS Principal’s Report to the CSD School Board

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This report covers the period from August 1, 2024 to August 21, 2024. I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

1. **Academic Excellence:**

Our Master schedule is 98% ready to go for 24-25. We go into the fall offering our core courses, a variety of electives, a variety of advanced classes and we have a few students taking advantage of the Running Start program through LCC. CMHS is also happy to be able to start the year with plans to offer Middle and High School intervention classes in both Math and ELA. We will also be able to offer Modified courses for our students who are working towards a modified diploma.

The big change for High School teachers and students in the implementation of a new cell phone/personal device policy. Students will not be allowed to have their phones with them in class. Cell phones need to be locked in lockers during class time. This change in procedures is an effort to help students engage in instruction more deeply. Constant notifications and texts interrupts thinking and learning. It is also an effort to reduce the social pressure and anxiety that comes from being constantly connected via text and apps like Snapchat.

1. **Staff Development:**

All CMHS math teachers will participate in training for the newly adopted Math curriculum, Big Ideas on August 26th.

Science teachers will participate in training for the newly adopted Science curriculum, Stemscopes on September 11.

All CMHS staff will participate in Professional development on August 28th. We will receive training on Suicide awareness and prevention and we will be working together on building procedures in the afternoon.

CMHS certified staff will participate in Professional development on August 29th that will include curriculum training for our newly adopted SEL curriculum, Wayfinder.

**3. Infrastructure and Facilities:**

- The upstairs commons and hallway floors are complete and they look amazing!

-Huge shout out to the CMHS custodial team with support from the CSD maintenance team on stripping 50 years-worth of wax and such from the commons floors.

-CSD maintenance team were able to tear down a short wall inside our Life Skills room to ready the room for an influx of students coming in from Elementary. The room looks great and ready to go.

**4. Challenges and Mitigation:**

-Our biggest challenge going into the 24-25 school year is being able to schedule intervention time into the school day and plan that time so it is effective. We now have a time scheduled into the master schedule and we are looking forward to working with our school psychologist, Nicole Bright, in honing our system and data tracking so that we are serving students consistently and well.

**5. Extracurricular:**

-The 24-25 High School athletic season is underway. Cheerleading, Football, Volleyball, Soccer and Cross Country are all practicing. Competitions begin the week of August 26th.

**6. Upcoming Events**

-CMHS registration is August 22nd from 11:00 am-7:00 pm. We look forward to greeting our students, getting them registered, and getting school photos done.

-On September 5th, 7th and 9th grade students will attend orientation from 8:30-12:30 to get them oriented to school, work through their schedules with less pressure, meet teachers, and get to know their new surroundings. All students return to school for regularly scheduled day on September 6th.

-On September 5th from 5:30 pm-7:00, CMHS will host an open house for all students and families to come meet teachers in a casual setting.

**7. Conclusion:**

Thank you for your support of CMHS and our Middle and High School students and staff. We are looking forward to a smooth start to a new year. We are happy to be in our own building and no major moving projects to complete before we can get started!

Please feel free to reach out if you require additional information or clarification on any aspect of this report. I am more than happy to provide further details as needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.