



Superintendent's Comments

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For the February 12, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (#3)

- **Learning Bank Pass Rate is 95%:** Since 2014, when the GED test changed and when the Learning Bank became part of Monroe Public Schools, Vuncia and her team have accomplished a 95% pass rate with 651/688 tests passed. Vuncia believes the average pass rate for those without intervention is around 70.

She shared that a student who needed to pass her math test to be accepted into a nursing program was so excited about her accomplishment that she messaged her at 3 a.m.

- **The Monroe Minute Survey Results have been tabulated as of February 11 on curriculum offerings.** Based on 375 survey results, STEAM is the most important curriculum offering, with College classes during the school day coming in second and CTE in third. 68% of respondents felt that it was important to teach social and emotional skills like conflict resolution, showing understanding and empathy for others, and being aware of emotions. 38% of Respondents believed that it was somewhat important to provide alternate settings for the delivery of curriculum such as virtual classrooms or online/blended learning. (see attached results)

Performing Arts Announcements

- **Monroe High School student, Faith Avritt, performed at the Michigan Music Conference** February 1-3, performing with the honors choir. As a result of her outstanding audition in December and her great performance at the conference, Faith has been selected for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association All-State Honors Choir at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May.

- **Monroe Middle School Hosted the Michigan Vocal Music Association Region 12 Solo and Ensemble Event** this past weekend. At this event, students perform before one of three judges, receiving suggestions on improvement.

MMS Boys Choir received a II-Good Rating

MMS Soloists - Lilianna Loveland, Dakota Stokes, and Alexandria Eberline performed, all receiving a 1-Excellent Rating

Monroe High School's Ensembles – Encore received a 1-Excellent rating, TrebleMakers and Infinite Illumination each received a 1-Excellent rating and will perform at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in Brighton in April. MHS soloists Daija Pendleton received a 1 rating and will also perform at the State Festival in April.

Upcoming: Monroe High School will be hosting the Middle School choral festival on March 1 and 2.

- **MHS students performed at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival on February 2.** With 24 students participating in a variety of duets, trios, septets, solos and more. Many of these students came in to school that week, braving the severe weather, just to get extra practice in for the event. Several soloists and ensembles received top ratings, thereby qualifying them to perform at the State Festival at Chelsea High School in March!

Athletic Updates

- **Two Monroe High School Swimmers Qualified for the State Meet** on Saturday. Swimmers Flo Lenhard and Gavin Redden qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the 50 and 100 freestyle. All four finishes were top 16! The Division 1 State Meet will be held on March 8-9 at the Holland Aquatic Center.
- **Monroe Competitive Cheer Gets the Trifecta** last weekend with Varsity winning at Trenton. JV placed second and the middle school placed 3rd!
- **Monroe High School Football represented well on Spring Signing Day** with Jalen Johnson and Maliek Linton attending Ferris State, Joe Schnorberger attending Saginaw Valley State, and PJ Brown attending Concordia.

- **All MHS Bowling Teams** have won or tied for the SEC Red Conference Title. This is the third consecutive title for Girls varsity bowling!
- **Would love to add gymnastics if you have results.** 😊

Calendar Updates

- **Our Community Coffee Hour on the Tele-Health Initiative** will be held on Wednesday, February 13 from 9:00-10:30 at Arborwood North. It will also be broadcast on Facebook live.
- **Congressman Walberg will host a Military Service Academy Fair** at Monroe High School on the evening of March 18, 2019 from 5pm-7pm.