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Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Travis Day
Cc: John McLean; Brittany Wheatly; Clark Jenkins; Jacob Jake Godwin; Matthew Dean Bottoms; Melissa Ann Ehlers
Subject: Re: Fund MaST or Lost Teaching Positions

We were given guidance from the county commissioners for local funding Monday night. Their resolution was to fund the lost teacher positions, not Mast, the county provides a third of our budget, and they even said you will be back next year trying to get your budget funded. One more week is not going to change the outcome of this funding crisis. Mark said it Monday night, and everyone I have talked to said it would be October before we know anything. This funding problem is a state of North Carolina problem, not one school against the other! I feel my life has been surrounded by Mast for the past month, and a lot of it has been very ugly and unprofessional. I would like to put this to bed today. It was an irresponsible decision to put it in place last year without funding, and I can not participate in being haphazard with taxpayers dollars. I think we are ALL losing sight of the 2500 other high school students in this county.

Kathryn

On Thu, Jun 20, 2019 at 7:40 AM <travis.day@carteretk12.org> wrote:

Bubba,

I see a potential harm...keeping principals in limbo for another 3 weeks when they have already been waiting too long because of the hiring freeze as a result of our shortages in teacher funding. Principals will likely be left with the "leftovers" among potential teacher hires and many potentially good hires may not be willing to wait another three weeks and will take guaranteed jobs elsewhere.

As a potential compromise, I propose we have two potential votes:

We first vote on whether to use the \$245,000 commissioners recommended we use to fund teacher position shortages. (We'd eventually have to vote on teacher position shortages or MaST anyway.) I do not want to wait another single day on this vote.

After the first vote, if the vote to fund teacher position shortages "loses"...then teacher positions are not funded and we wait to see what the funding situation is for MaST. (I don't know how long we might have to wait before this is determined.)

After the first vote, if funding teacher position shortages "wins", we then vote on whether to delay the closing of MaST.

...If the result of this second vote is NO (do not delay potential), MaST is closed immediately and students can be registered in their home high school classes (or go back to home-schooling).

... If the result of this second vote is YES (to delay potential closing), we wait until June 27th (one week) to explore whether additional funding will be available to fund MaST. If GUARANTEED funding has not been established by June 27th, then MaST will be closed.

Does this make sense?

Travis

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I see absolutely no harm in waiting

2 or 3 weeks (max.) to see if there is new information from the state.

Bubba

On Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 9:33 PM <travis.day@carteretk12.org> wrote:

In my opinion, our choice tomorrow could be a simple one. We are voting to fund MaST or we are voting to fund lost teacher positions at the other schools across our county. We can't have both.

The county commissioners have made their preference clear. They have recommended that we use the funds available to save lost teacher positions. I personally cannot fathom the thought of dragging this out any longer (and for the second year in a row). If we did delay our decision, what will be the ultimate ending? Even with a delay, we'd still have to vote later on whether to use our funds for MaST or for lost teaching positions. So I do not feel that delaying a vote will do us much good.

So let's just get it over with. We'll vote on funding MaST or funding lost teaching positions. Correct?

If the vote goes for funding lost teaching positions, we'd close MaST and try to work hard to revive the teaching of trades in our current high schools and through CCC's dual enrollment program. Our principals already have innovative ideas for reaching at-risk kids, bolstering trade/career skills, etc. But we'd be able to offer such opportunities to more than just 50 students per year. And I feel confident that we can do it a much lower cost than running a separate, small high school.

If the vote goes for MaST, then we wait to see if the state funds it, and for how long. We could very well be in the exact predicament we were in last year. The governor has already said he will veto the budget, so we won't know anything for sure until well into the school year, so I don't see how this will work. (We'll face certain scrutiny from county commissioners.) If Early College funding eventually succeeds, we'll have to make do with the loss of teaching positions (and any resentment that will foster), and then we'll go back to the commissioners next year to ask for more money to fund teacher positions that we voted against this year. And in 3 years, we'll ask them for more money to continue funding MaST after state assistance runs out (assuming we do get state assistance for 3 years).

Please provide some input and let the group know how you feel.

Travis

P.S. In case you haven't seen it yet, attached is today's Carteret News Times article: "County reallocates MaST funds to other positions".