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Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 3:38 PM
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Subject: RE: statements

MOTION:

Given the continued uncertainty of state funding required to sustain Early College, and given the lack of financial support for MaST at the county level, and given the additional lack of funding to sustain numerous teaching positions in other schools throughout our county.....

I move that we act on the recommendation of the Board of Commissioners to use local funds previously allocated for MaST, to fund as many unfunded teaching positions as possible;

This will leave the MaST Early College High School unfunded and will result in the school needing to be closed.

STATEMENT:

I am sorry we are in the situation we are regarding MaST Early College. I sympathize with students who attended MaST last year or who were accepted and were anticipating being able to attend this coming year. I hope you can understand this situation from the BOE's perspective, as we are trying to make financially responsible decisions that will best serve our entire school system. All other considerations aside, from a financial perspective, we would not be able continue MaST without state funding. And unfortunately, the decision on state funding will likely not be confirmed until well after the school year starts. We cannot continue to kick the can down the road. The county commissioners only agreed to fund MaST last year under the assumption that state funding would be provided. It did not happen last year, and funding is uncertain again this year. With this continued uncertainty on early college funding, the county commissioners did not feel they could commit to continuing to fund MaST. And MaST definitely cannot continue without local funding.

Regardless of the status of state funding for Early College, we still face reduced state & federal funding which resulted in a shortage of funded teaching positions in schools across our county. So in their meeting Monday night, the county commissioners graciously voted to allow us to keep the money originally allocated for MaST, and asked that we instead use it towards funding some of the teaching positions in our other county schools (... positions which would have otherwise been lost/unfunded). Although not everyone may agree, I support and agree with their decision. We must weigh the wants/needs of MaST students & parents against the needs of the rest of the students in our school system. I would love to be able to afford to provide a MaST experience for students across Carteret County. But unfortunately, this just isn't possible right now.

It is easy to look at the cases of individual students and see the benefits MaST provides to these students and desire to continue to help them. It is much more difficult to look at the big picture and see the unintended consequences that funding MaST may have on the rest of our school system and all of its students. Weighing such items and trying to make rational and equitable decisions on them is one of the toughest tasks we face.

I'm sorry.

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Travis -

Would you please email me the two statements you read? That will help with the minutes.

Thank you.

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