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Dear Students, Teachers, Parents/Guardians, and School Board Members,

As of last Wednesday, the School Board approved the following:

- Weight added to AP (10%), Dual Enrollment (10%) & Accelerated (5%) courses
- Class rank (available through guidance)
- Change in Cum Laude System
- Conversion Chart (for guidance use only) for AP, SRTC, & Dual Enrollment courses

At this time we are working on weighting classes both for this year and throughout your child's journey here at MHS. We have made a copy of your child's transcript before the weight has been applied. We plan on getting you a copy of the transcript after the end of the semester. Guidance has been meeting with parents regarding grades and scores over the past few weeks. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor. In the meantime, we will continue to work on the following:

- Guidance work to check transcripts.
- District administration to give clarity around scoring beliefs and practices.
- Professional development around creating and scoring high quality assessments that offer 4 opportunities on a regular basis.
- PLC work to continue to calibrate and be more consistent with grading/scoring.
- Meeting with the Student Advisory Council on a regular basis.

As I stated before, it is our intention to keep the decisions constant, continue to work towards consistency in scoring/grading, and communicate clearly to you all our scoring guidelines.

Sincerely,


James A. Hand