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November 15, 2017

Good morning. Thank you students, parents, and members of the School Board that were able to join us Monday evening. Your passion and commitment to find the best possible solutions for our students was certainly felt. Since the meeting, leadership has met and reviewed the input you provided. We now have a better understanding of your desired outcomes for a graduate, the barriers/obstacles to these outcomes, and some possible solutions to these barriers/obstacles.

Some of the things that became very clear were the level of frustration that was caused by making changes mid-stream, inconsistent scoring/grading, and a lack of clear communication to all stakeholders. Moving forward we will make decisions using the input and feedback, keep decisions constant, continue to work towards consistency in scoring/grading, and communicate clearly to you all our scoring guidelines. Our goal is to have recommendations by the next School Board Meeting on December 13, 2017.

We met several times over the past few days in order to debrief and discuss your feedback. Mr. Ouellette, Mrs. Lodge, and I met again with the Student Advisory Council on Tuesday and we will continue to meet. We have met with teachers and we also plan on meeting with some other students from the Class of 2019. We still continue to gather more information; however, we are committed to the following:

Immediate Action:

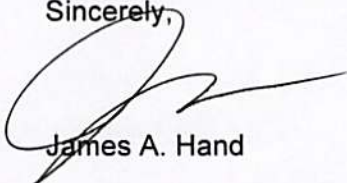
- Class rank will be provided for Merit Scholarships and college admissions
- Weighting grades/scores (AP & Accelerated classes)
- A way to fairly represent the learning that occurred for the Class of 2019

Ongoing Action:

- Clearer understanding, communication, and consistency of scoring/grading

Many of you pointed out how we have great teachers at Massabesic. I would like to echo that. The reason why I love to work at Massabesic is because of the great teachers, supportive parents, thoughtful School Board, and most of all our inquisitive and caring students. I believe we have what it takes to get proficiency-based education right and prepare our kids to be successful adults in every way. We will meet again on **November 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium** in order to communicate our current thinking. We will send this information ahead of time so that you can have your questions prepared. We look forward to working with you in order to find resolution and common ground.

Sincerely,



James A. Hand