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MCCSC CORE VALUES

Value 1: Engagement
All students can learn. We teach all students. No exceptions. All students deserve rigorous, diverse curricular and extracurricular programs, integrated with technology. Such programs balance students’ needs and interests, resulting in high levels of student engagement, achievement and completion.

Value 2: Empowerment
All students are diverse and unique. When students are empowered, self-esteem grows. All students’ experiences and perspectives are assets that reflect the strength of our schools and the values of our community. Such assets, when respected, nurtured and explored, promote their academic success and the success of their peers.

Value 3: Environment
All students thrive in a positive, creative and stimulating learning and working environment. All employees excel in a culture actively supported by professional development opportunities. Highly-trained, highly-valued teachers and staff are pivotal to the continuous improvement and success of our students. All students deserve, and we will provide, a healthy, safe and secure learning environment.

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Cover Photo: A Jackson Creek Middle School student performs a solo during the holiday jazz concert student performance on December 17, 2015

Artful Learning at Fairview

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MCCSC Gives Back: Student Philanthropy 2016 Annual Strings Spectacular Artful Learning at Fairview
MCCSC high school students in the orchestra program comprise the members of the Hoosier Youth Philharmonic, a premiere youth orchestra. The group will be traveling to D.C. for a concert in early 2016 and this fall, introduced a new fundraiser with a Thanksgiving pie sale. The group sold 180 student-made pies raising a total of $3,600 for their trip. Purchasers were able to pick up the pies before Thanksgiving or donate them to the Community Kitchen for their Thanksgiving meal.

Hoosier Youth Philharmonic
Kennedy Center - Washington, D.C.
February 13-16, 2016

Above: Hoosier Youth Philharmonic student at the 2016 Strings Spectacular. Photo Credit - Anna Brown, student, Bloomington South.

Above: (Center) Hoosier Youth Philharmonic students in front of the Community Kitchen of Monroe County donating Thanksgiving pies. (Bottom Left) Students baking pies for the Washington, D.C. fundraiser. (Bottom Right) Students learn baking techniques from parent volunteers during the 2015 Thanksgiving fundraiser.
MCCSC
Gives Back

Student Fundraisers and Community Service Enhance the Community

From Global Youth Service Day to Dance Marathon, to the Jackson Creek “Pink Out,” MCCSC students continue to impress with their community outreach and fundraising efforts. Students from every school have regular opportunities to participate in everything from a basic fundraiser to a full-scale event planning philanthropy endeavor. The Bloomington South Dance Marathon raising money for Riley Children’s Hospital has raised a half-million dollars in the past decade. Students from that program not only benefit a leading children’s hospital, but they get valuable experience to take with them after high school. South Assistant Principal and dance marathon sponsor, Joe Doyle, commented

JACKSON CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL “PINK OUT”

$10,500 Raised in Ten Years
$2,800 Raised in 2015

Benefitting Olcott Cancer Center

Above: Templeton Elementary students volunteer under the direction of MCCSC high school students on Global Youth Service Day in 2015.

Above: Jackson Creek Middle School students and faculty at the 2015 JCMS “Pink Out.” Students led a number of fundraising initiatives to benefit the nearby Olcott Center for Cancer Education.

Download the 2010 Referendum Update Brochure www.mccsc.edu/referendum
that much of the Indiana University Dance Marathon leadership team is actually composed of South grads who had the experience in high school. The Jackson Creek “Pink Out” raised more than $2,800 for cancer research and the Olcott Center while North’s Cougars For Better Education (C4BE) engaged in a full-scale fund-raising and granting initiative to raise funds for individual teacher classroom project grants. The Tri-North Y.E.S. club, Youth Engaged in Service, participated in Global Youth Service Day once again in 2015 as one of the club’s many outreach efforts. Full listings of student clubs and organizations are available on school websites and by contacting the school office.

BLOOMINGTON SOUTH DANCE MARATHON

$122,000 Raised in 2015

$500,000+ Raised in 10 Years

Above: MCCSC students celebrate at the 2015 Dance Marathon.

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

250+ HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS 2015

Below: Tri-North Y.E.S. club members at the 2015 City of Bloomington MLK Day events.

Above: (Left) Tri-North Y.E.S. club members at Big Brothers Big Sisters on Global Youth Service Day 2015. (Center and Right) Templeton student volunteers led by high school Global Youth Service Day participants in 2015.
In 2010, Monroe County voters passed a property tax referendum generating funds for a substantial number of personnel and programs within the Monroe County Community School Corporation. 2016 marks the sixth and final year of the referendum fund and a recent call from the MCCSC Board of School Trustees to pursue a renewal vote in November 2016. Parents and community members can find the 2010 Referendum Update brochure at any MCCSC facility or find a digital copy at www.mccsc.edu/referendum to learn more about the 2010-2016 fund.
More than 500 students from every school in the MCCSC comprise the corporation’s orchestra program. On Thursday, January 7, 2016, those students gathered at Bloomington South for the Annual Strings Spectacular. This year’s concert marks the 29th Strings Spectacular event. The event was started by Jane Gouker, MCCSC Orchestra chairperson and teacher, in the 1980’s shortly after the MCCSC established the 5th-6th grade elementary portion of the program. The orchestra program is available throughout the MCCSC system, and is open to all students 5th grade and up. The orchestra program involves student musicians from 5th grade through 12th grade representing every single elementary school, middle school, in addition to Bloomington High Schools North and South. Audience members were treated to hearing the beginning string players of 5th grade, proceeding through the continuing orchestra of 6th graders, a combined middle school orchestra, and finally the award winning Hoosier Youth Philharmonic (HYP), the combined high school orchestras. Listeners heard the progression of abilities, techniques, and musicianship from the four orchestras during the performance.
Ten B-TV students traveled to Hollywood, California in November for the presentation of six B-TV films at the International Student Film Festival Hollywood. Batchelor students joined films and other students from throughout the United States and several other countries at the festival. B-TV student produced films have won in this festival every year since 2004. In addition to the screening and competition, the students met Hollywood stars, film school professors, and film directors at this festival. The November 14-15, 2015 competition yielded two prestigious awards for Batchelor students. Best Junior High School Documentary went to Lizbeth Funkhouser and Megan Brown for “A Journey to Auschwitz,” and Best Junior High School Horror Thriller went to Aiden Sand and Oliver Abrams for “Monster in the Closet III.”
McDonald’s Awards MAC Grants to Two MCCSC Classrooms

Batchelor Middle School science teacher Kara Cheslock (bottom left) and Jackson Creek Middle School Family and Consumer Science teacher Brenda Galyan (bottom right) were awarded 2015 MAC grants from local McDonald’s restaurants. The $500 awards target middle school classrooms and teachers for the Make Activities Count (MAC) grant. The grants are specifically designed to support “hands-on activities” or projects in the classroom.

Above: Batchelor Middle School teacher Kara Cheslock accepting the 2015 MAC grant.

Above: Jackson Creek Middle School teacher Brenda Galyan accepting the 2015 MAC grant.

elementary

ARTFUL LEARNING AT FAIRVIEW

Fairview students, pictured to the left, perform as part of their annual strings concert, one of many Artful Learning components of the Fairview curriculum for the past several years. Recently, Principal Justin Hunter presented to the MCCSC Board about a 2016 revitalization of the Artful Learning curriculum that capitalizes on the unique location of Fairview in the Bloomington downtown and the wealth of partnerships and community support coming to the school. The revitalization of the curriculum includes an intensive summer training program for school personnel, an updated daily schedule, and the introduction of new arts components into the thriving curriculum.

Above: A Fairview student plays the violin during their annual strings orchestra performance.

FAIRVIEW ARTFUL LEARNING AND PERFORMING ARTS

BLOCK SCHEDULE
STUDIO PERFORMANCE
COMMUNITY PARTNERS
3D STUDIO ART
2D ART
MUSIC PERFORMANCE
DANCE
CREATIVE MOVEMENT
THEATER
STUDENT ELECTIONS AT UNIONVILLE ELEMENTARY

On November 2, students at Unionville elementary participated in the campaign and election process for school president. Students learned about campaigning, candidates delivered speeches to the student body, and students voted in an election. Following the speeches by the 5th and 6th grade candidates, students participated in a Q&A about their campaign platforms and their hopes for the school.
The 2015-16 curriculum at MCCSC high schools offered the addition of new technology courses including the Computer Repair and Maintenance class or CRAM. Students in the CRAM classes not only provide technical support for their fellow classmates by conducting on-site diagnostic and hardware solutions for student technology issues, but students can leave the course with an industry standard computer hardware repair certificate. In addition to the hardware support, skills learned in the CRAM classes provide training for the A+ Certification program, another industry standard certification that can propel the career of a graduating high school student.

Above: A Bloomington South CRAM student repairs a student laptop as part of the CRAM class.

**Bloomington South Amateur Radio Club Places First in Global Competition**

The Bloomington South Amateur Radio Club participated in two amateur (ham) radio contests in late October. The South club led by faculty sponsor, Mr. Neil Rapp, learned of the preliminary first place designation in their division on November 7 for a week-long competition involving participants from around the globe. The competition spanned Monday-Friday with the goal of talking to as many people, as possible in 24 hours spread over the 5 days. School Club Roundup is a semi-annual event sponsored by the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club and the American Radio Relay League. Points are awarded for each radio contact made, with bonuses for new states, provinces, clubs, and schools. The BHSS club also won the contest in 2013. A total of 98 students have participated in the past 12 years, and have earned nearly $55,000 in ham radio related scholarships.

Above: BHSS HAM Radio Club members during the November competition.
2016-17 ENROLLMENT OPENS AT THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Academy of Science and Entrepreneurship, MCCSC's New Technology network high school has opened enrollment for the 16’-17’ academic year. Learn more and find out how to apply at www.mccsc.edu/ase.

Above: Students at the Academy of Science and Entrepreneurship speak with environmental organization representatives at the 2015 Academy of Science and Entrepreneurship Environmental Fair.

adult education

Broadview Learning Center Adds Three Adult Basic Education Courses in 2016

The MCCSC Adult Education program at Broadview Learning Center is adding three new Adult Basic Education Courses in 2016 thanks to a strategic community partnership with Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners. Area adults will now be eligible to enroll in a Teacher Assistant Preparation program that includes math, reading, and writing training for passing the ParaPro certificate assessment. Additionally, MCCSC Adult Education students can enroll in the Everyday Reading or Everyday Math courses in partnership with the Monroe County Public Library designed to help adults build new reading strategies, improve reading comprehension, gain confidence in reading, and apply reading skills at school, work, and home. The Broadview Learning Center is located at 705 W Coolidge Drive (812) 330-7731. More information is also available at www.mccsc.edu.

Above: School Board Member, Dr. Lois Sabo-Skelton presents a student award at the 2015 Adult Education Awards.
NEWS IN BRIEF

PATHS TO QUALITY
MCCSC preschools began earning quality ratings from the Indiana FSSA with Lakeview and Arlington Heights preschools becoming Level III Paths to Quality preschools in late 2015.

CALENDAR
In October, the MCCSC Board approved a committee recommended three year calendar through 2018-2019. You can view all calendars at www.mccsc.edu/calendar.

MODEL PLC
MCCSC was named a Model Professional Learning Community by Solution Tree for our continued efforts focusing on a collaborative focus on student growth.

GARDENS
More MCCSC schools added gardens in 2015. Spring garden preparation begins in early 2016. Contact your local school if interested in volunteering with the school garden.

PRESCHOOL
Ready Set Grow preschool open enrollment begins March 7. Ready Set Grow serves 3-5 year old students in 8 MCCSC buildings. Contact (812) 330-7700 for more information on the program.

WGCL RADIO
Every Tuesday morning at 7:40 a.m. MCCSC leaders discuss MCCSC initiatives on WGCL Radio 96.1FM AM1370. Follow @MCCSC_EDU on Twitter for schedule and updates.
IU FOUNDATION EMPLOYEES DONATE

Indiana University Foundation employees delivered winter clothing to Highland Park and Fairview Elementary schools on December 15 to culminate their winter clothing drive. The drive also raised donations for Greene county and Richland-Beanblossom schools.

MCCSC THANKS CARDINAL STAGE

Superintendent Dr. DeMuth Delivers Keynote at Cardinal’s Annual Cardinal for Kids Fundraiser

MCCSC Superintendent, Dr. DeMuth spoke at the Cardinal Stage fall fundraiser luncheon to thank Cardinal and their donors for their Education and Kids outreach program. These programs enable MCCSC students to attend plays every year at no cost to the students or the MCCSC. Learn more about the Cardinal Stage Company and their outreach at www.cardinalstage.org/education.

McCLAINEL LEADERSHIP HONORED

District Transition Coordinator and former University Elementary principal, Michi McClaine, was honored in a ceremony at the school in December. Last year, artist Susan Snyder led students in completing a tile art installation capturing the diversity of the students at University Elementary school.
CONNECTIONS

EDUCATING ALL STUDENTS

MCCSC teachers gathered at Bloomington High School South on November 3 for a full day of workshops and training focused around the theme of “Educating All Students.” Dr. Tyrone Howard, Director of UCLA’s Black Male Institute delivered two keynote presentations to MCCSC teachers and administrators. Workshop sessions included expert panels, presenters, and our own MCCSC teachers, sharing strategies for working with ALL students. Workshop tracts on common and emerging student groups included working with students living in poverty, experiencing homelessness, speaking English as a second language, LGBTQ+ identity, race and culture, and more.

Above: Dr. Tyrone Howard speaking with community members at Fairview Elementary on November 2, 2015.

HERE COMES THE BUS

Mobile Bus Tracking App Launching in Early 2016

The long-awaited addition to the MCCSC digital communication toolbox is coming in early 2016. Here Comes the Bus from Synovia Solutions will enable parents and guardians to track their child’s school bus in real-time. The app coordinates with our existing on-board GPS system and works similarly to many public transit tracking systems. The unique feature for Here Comes the Bus, though, is that it works directly with our existing Transportation Department data only allowing account setup for the primary parent/guardian of a student. After account set-up, a user has the ability to track his/her own student’s bus only. For a subscription fee, the user can enhance the application features and setup user-specific notification settings, a “geofence” or radius around a stop, and more. Upon release in 2016, parents will get access to the MCCSC corporation code for free account setup. The app is available to download now for iOS and Android devices in the app stores.
FAST CONNECTIONS

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David Pillar, Jackson Creek Middle
Craig Fisher, Tri-North Middle School
Micah Heath, Arlington Heights Elementary
Lucy Fischman, Binford Elementary
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IMPORTANT DATES
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-No School
Monday, January 18, 2016

Spring Break-No School
Monday, March 14-Friday, March 18, 2016

MCCSC SCHOOL BOARD SCHEDULE

Calendar of Regular Meetings
January-March 2016
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Meeting dates are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm with the exception of May, November, and December.

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