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Subject: Re: Update 6.1.18

Mat,

My vote is a conditional yes based on Representative McElraft finding the 75K, Senator Sanderson funding an additional 50K, and the college giving 50K (175K of the 180K we needed). If any one of those three don't come to fruition, I would need a significant amount of additional detail in order to go forward at the reduced funding level. Someone will have to explain to me how we can properly serve our MaST students for less than we originally told the County Commissioners we needed to adequately fund this endeavor.

Melissa

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This is an exciting opportunity to create a unique educational opportunity for students in our county. This is the one of the few times in my 30 plus years in education that I have seen our House and Senate representatives working very hard to find a solution to our **local** education funding challenges. I feel this this will open other opportunities to dialogue with our delegation and discuss future projects for our county schools.

We have large community support and more than 60 applications submitted to date. Representative McElraft has identified 75K and Senator Sanderson is looking for 50K and advised Mr. Bottoms he would be back in touch with him sometime Monday. We have our two representatives and at least 4 others counties representatives saying they will make sure these funds are include in the 2019 – 2021 state budget cycle.

Also, the community college willing to provide more than 50k to support staff and other cost. We have an opportunity to create a great fourth high school. I support it.

Mat - not sure what you are meaning by "bare bones". The only positions not included in the original budget are clerical support, which we agreed could be covered by the counselor the first year. One teacher, which all agreed was not needed because the first year only two teachers are need to teach the two classes scheduled each semester. All of the other classes (based on the schedule we had) were community college classes. If there is more needs let put that on the table. I don't think any of us (I sure don't) want us to open a school with less than it needs.

Thanks,

Perry

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I support the program overall, it's the closest thing we can get to a Vocational High School while also offering an early college element to those who would benefit.

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I have spoken to Mat. Am really interested in knowing everyone's thoughts. Commissioners meet Monday night and potential could approve our budget.

Bubba

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Board,

Pat McElraft called this afternoon. She has heard from several disappointed parents about the MaST issue. She is proposing to take \$75,000 from money she had secured for CCC's aquaculture program and divert it to MaST. John Hauser, the CCC President, is fine with this move as Pat will replace those funds from another source later in the year. The \$75,000 would allow us to open a bare bones school that would have the minimal number of teachers, a principal, a counselor and most likely, no clerical help to answer the door and phone, complete the payroll, submit purchase orders, etc. CCC would supply some of the other needs such as technology and teaching resources. This might

be the best means to open the school next fall, but it does not open in the manner I was anticipating. Pat assures me that the \$180,000 grant funding for the subsequent years would be in place next spring. Again, needing \$180,000 and receiving \$75,000 puts the school in a limited capacity, but one in which we could offer the required educational services.

Thoughts? Opinions?

Mat

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Mat and Perry,

I would like to remove the MaST agreement, so we can discuss it publicly. Personally I would like to rail on the state for how they removed it.

Bubba

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Good afternoon.

June has arrived. We are in full testing mode and the tension is incredibly high. Our teachers want to showcase how much the students have learned and our students want to do their best to represent their schools in a very positive light. In one week, the dust will settle and jubilation from all corners of the county will overtake this tension.

Despite the numerous phone calls and meetings, little has changed since yesterday's MaST update. I do not foresee a means to fund the school without taking from other viable programs. I have contacted Sen. Sanderson's office and asked that they provide \$50,000 that could fund a bare bones school, but they have not written that check at this time. Regardless, General Statute 115C-238.51A states:

No cooperative innovative high school shall open prior to the appropriation by the General Assembly of the full amount of the additional funds as requested in the application for that school under G.S. 115C-238.51 for the upcoming fiscal year or fiscal biennium, as appropriate.

Perhaps a second try next year is the best path to take at this time. I really regret the enormous efforts you, as Board members, Heather, and Deanne put into this program that fell short with the stroke of an uninformed pen.

The Commissioners meet on Monday evening to give us some insight into our budget request. The hope is that they will fund everything, of course, but the reality is they will fund a portion of the budget and leave the Board with the task of

approving the cuts. Tommy Burns, and probably most Commissioners, know of the Trillium grant and the early college issue. I anticipate that some funding will be set aside until more is known about these two expenditures.

The Board meeting is Tuesday night. The Consent Agenda includes several annual tasks. The first one is the CTE Local Plan Application, a planning document required for the federal funding we receive. The next one is another articulation agreement between the school system and the community college, this one allows our high school students to take two culinary courses and receive credit from both systems. The next one is the mowing contract. J & S Landscaping has had this contract for many years, but was under bid this year by Salty Shores Mowing, saving us \$9,000. Johnson Controls is another annual contract that is unchanged. This is for temperature and HVAC management. The painting bid is also on consent. Tim Hudson Painting won the bid again and significantly cut his square foot cost, possibly saving us over \$50,000 in the end if we can avoid surprises. The carpet and tile bids have winners from the three area carpet vendors and those bids were about 10% under the projected budget. The other consent agenda item is the Memorandum of Understanding for MaST. With the state's budget in limbo, this may be a moot point. I think there are two avenues to consider. One is to approve of the agreement so that it is in place for now and would become null if the school does not move forward. The other option is to remove it from the Consent Agenda at the onset of the meeting to give the Board an opportunity to voice opinions, gratitudes, regrets, etc. If you choose to approve the MOU, it is straightforward and has been prior approved at many levels, including Neil Whitford.

In the regular portion of the meeting, the AIG Program will present the annual update of the offerings our students receive to stretch their learning. While the presenters may disagree and provide numerous other examples, I think the most significant changes have been the inclusion of the very young students and the middle schools' high school course offerings. The next portion of the meeting is the policy rewrites, budget revisions, and vendor contract approvals. Bubba is on the agenda to give a Business Advisory Council update and finally, the Board must approve a trustee for the community college. This is a full agenda and the meeting's length should be around 1:15 to 1:30. There will a closed session after the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

We have had another misconduct issue this week in which the high school teacher displayed extremely poor judgement resulting in his immediate suspension and a recommended non-renewal of his expiring contract. The teacher's written statement aligns very closely to the students' statements the school administration received during their investigation. The teacher's statement, while much more benign than the reports, and the students' statements reveal the teacher displayed inappropriate action and used profanity towards a student multiple times. As usual, I will stop at this point as the teacher may request a hearing in front of the Board.

The Graduation Exercises are next Friday evening. The Board is scattered among the three high schools with Melissa attending her own son's graduation – Congratulations, Melissa! Thank you for your background work on the budget as it is critical that we get funding for our students and teachers. Have a great weekend!

Mat