



Middletown Public Schools

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Memo

Date: January 5, 2011
To: Board of Education
From: Michael J. Frechette, Ph.D.
Subject: Superintendent's Wish List for Middletown Public Schools

Per the Board of Education's directive at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, please find below my "Wish List" for Middletown Public Schools:

- Full-day, high-quality preschool for all students
- Increase length of school day
- Increase school year days
- Expand before and after school programs
- Literacy and numeracy libraries for all students
- Increase staff and materials for delivering Tier III SRBI
- Expand parent training and programs
- Expand Family Resource Centers and Family School Connect Programs (includes home visiting and parent education)
- Family Liaison positions at every school (includes Welcoming Schools and Parent Engagement/Leadership)
- Elementary world languages to elementary level
- Media Specialists at all schools
- Establishment of a Consultant of Nursing, Health, and Wellness for the District
- Establishment of an Early Childhood Assessment Team (School Psy., Soc. Worker, SP/L, SPED Teacher, and Nurse)
- Instructional and Data Coaches at all schools
- Expand Professional Development and In-Service Programs to weekly
- Increase collaboration time for teachers (Data Teams)
- Laptops for all Certified Staff
- Increase high school graduation credits
- Expand Alternative Education at MHS and WWMS
- Expand Summer School offerings (to include take home books and packets)
- Expand Certified Interventionist and tutorial support at all schools

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- Increase supplies and materials for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- Formalize electronic educational portfolios for all students
- Fine Arts - Increase Cultural Council; expand drama program; increase: theatre courses, piano and guitar classes, and low brass instruments; and Kiln for Keigwin
- Athletics – Expand program offerings in the areas of: field hockey, lacrosse, middle school volleyball and swimming programs, fencing, hockey; additional storage buildings; and increase athletic equipment
- Buildings and Facilities - Increase supplies, materials, and equipment; annual increase in Capital Expenditures to maintain infrastructure; Keigwin feasibility/renovation project; roof replacements at: Macdonough, Spencer, Snow, and WWMS; plowing equipment; continue to replace tradesmen vehicles; multiple location floor finishing; and MHS maintenance worker to support Athletic complex and grounds
- Revamp WWMS Cafeteria to mirror MHS Cafeteria
- Enhance “Infrastructure” for District Technology
- Ability to hire, supervise, and evaluate all employees
- Additional secretarial support at elementary schools
- Central Office Building Receptionist to greet visitors and answer main telephone line and direct calls
- Bus monitors on all buses for all schools
- Daily late buses at all grade levels

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cc: Administrators
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