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To: Media Outlets
From: Monroe County Community School Corporation
Date: July 25, 2023
RE: MCCSC Board of School Trustees Regular Meeting

(Bloomington, IN.) – Tonight, at the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the Board passed Resolution 2023-15, “Resolution to Initiate Amendments to Governing Plan”. This resolution modifies the governing plan to conform with Board district maps realigned to make the seven residential districts as near as practicable equal in population.

Board District realignment began in January of 2023, when at the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the Board resolved to commence the process of board district realignment. Over the next four months, input was gathered from the community in establishing the criteria that guided the development of revising the geographical representative areas for the seven (7) school board districts. The March regular Board meeting provided an opportunity for public comment. Following this process, Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) utilized the Indiana Business Research Center for assistance in drawing new school board districts. The criteria for the new districts included: equal population and contiguous. Three preliminary map options were provided for public review and comment.

The amended boundaries adopted in tonight’s resolution reflect the realignment of the boundaries of the seven (7) residential districts to make them as more equal in population. Board President Shurr stated that he is “grateful for the input of the community; through this process it became clear that our community, and we, as a Board, wanted more equal populations by district. I appreciate the work of the Indiana Business Research Center in helping us develop new Board district maps that accomplish that goal.”

Maps and accompanying descriptions are available as an attachment to tonight’s agenda, in accordance with Indiana Code 20-23-8-14, the Superintendent is authorized and directed to publish a notice of the adoption of this resolution amending the governing plan to realign the boundaries of the seven (7) residential districts in accordance with the approved maps. The amendments to the governing plan set forth are effective upon certification by the State Board of Education as provided for in Indiana Code 20-23-8-19.

In other business, the Board approved the personnel report that was presented, which included the following administrative change for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lucas Calhoun is the Principal at Bloomington Graduation School. Lucas earned a master’s degree in administration & supervision from Oakland City University and a master’s degree in higher education and supervision from Indiana University. He begins his role on Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

Board President Shurr welcomed the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. He thanked teachers who begin Monday, July 31, and all the staff who have worked over the summer and welcomed students back for the first day of school for all students on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.
Dr. Hauswald noted that back to school information can be found on the MCCSC website: www.mccsc.edu. Dr. Hauswald also informed the board that MCCSC currently has hired 54 new teachers/certified staff. He stated that new teachers would be participating in professional learning over the next three days, and that he would be welcoming the new teachers tomorrow (7/26) morning along with Board President Shurr and Board Vice President Hennessy.

Finally, Dr. Hauswald highlighted MCCSC’s new website platform, which provides automatic translation of website content in five languages (Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Spanish). He added that MCCSC has begun the use of ParentSquare, a unified communication tool that teachers, schools, and district personnel can use for messaging, alerts, newsletters, meeting sign-ups, event notifications, and more. ParentSquare provides families with the ability to select a home language, and receive school and district communication in over 100 languages, as well as write back in their preferred language, and the teacher will receive an auto-translated version. MCCSC is proud to offer communication tools that increase the accessibility of information for all families.

The next regular meeting of the MCCSC Board of School Trustees is 6:00 p.m. on August 22, 2023, at the Co-Lab located at 553 E Miller Dr, Bloomington, IN 47401. A recording of tonight’s meeting of the Board of School Trustees can be accessed through the district’s website at www.mccsc.edu.

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The Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) serves nearly 11,000 students from diverse populations in 23 schools in Monroe County, Indiana. MCCSC is a leader in STEM and EARTH curricula, encompasses a Performing Arts Academy, International Baccalaureate schools, Dual Immersion programs, multiple Career Pathways, a Career Center, as well as numerous College Credit opportunities to prepare students towards college and career readiness. Our commitment, as we educate tomorrow’s leaders, is to Engage, Empower, and Educate all students in a world-class learning environment empowering them to maximize their educational success in becoming productive, responsible global citizens.

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