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HS Principal Report to the Board

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1. I am at ITEC tonight. I was able to bring 5 staff members with me to this 2 day conference on using technology in the classroom. With our chromebook rollout and our focus on Google, the high school teachers will be focusing on sessions regarding google in the classroom.
2. MAP testing is from October 13 to 24. 9th and 10th graders will be testing on their own devices in their math and English classes this year which means their classroom teachers will be proctoring. This is a significant changes as we have previously given the testing in computer labs monitored by 2-3 staff members.
3. Students eligible for NHS were given notice last week and will be working on completing applications the next couple of weeks. Jeff Montieth is the faculty sponsor of NHS. The initiation ceremony will be November 4th at 7 pm at the middle school auditorium. We invite you to attend-- this is a great night for kids to be honored!
4. The PBIS team attends training this week to address what we refer to as "red zone" kids. The purpose is to come up with structure interventions to use with students who are showing up in our data as students with a large number of referrals or behavioral needs in our building. Data also collected show that we have handed out over 100 TRIBE tickets to reward our students so far this year for appropriate behavior.
5. The first evaluations for all of our new teachers have been completed. We have a dynamic and hard working new group which is affecting our climate in a positive way. I invite you to come into their classrooms (and that of any other staff for that matter) to see some of the instruction and collaboration that is occurring.
6. Parent teacher conferences are on the horizon. All conference will be scheduled online this year and instructions have been given to parents to do so.
7. Our early out PD time continues to be well used. We have two technology hours a month, one for reading and one to work on PLC goals. All teachers are working through a program called Ninja Dojo (<http://www.ninjaprogram.com/>) to become proficient in Google as our chromebooks are a google device. They are earning rewards and competing with each other as they work though levels of proficiency, earn belts at each level to become Ninja Masters. Sara Brincks continues to bring us information to teach vocabulary in the content area during the week for reading each month.