



# Superintendent's Report

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**Local Lion Promise Initiative:** Madison County Schools and Mars Hill University have a strong tradition of cooperation and partnership, grounded in high academic expectations for our students. We appreciate the 50% deduction in tuition for our students and families. The Local Lion Promise initiative will provide a great opportunity for Madison County students to attend an outstanding university right here in Madison County.



**MECHS's First "Study Visit:"** Madison Early College High School hosted its first "Study Visit" today alongside some tremendous educators from Buncombe Early/Middle College, Nesbit Discovery Academy, & MHS. Networking and learning from other professionals is a powerful strategy to continuous improvement. Thank you CLD for helping us facilitate this day.

**Marching Band Competition Results:** Madison Marching Band had quite a successful competition season. The band traveled to Enka High School for the Land of the Sky Competition on September 28. They received 1<sup>st</sup> place Drum Major and Percussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Color Guard, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Music and Overall Band. The band then traveled to Chase High School for their band competition on October 12 and received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Drum Major, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Color Guard and Percussion, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Music and Overall. Last Saturday, the band traveled to North Henderson High School for their final competition and received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in every category.

**Students' Artwork Displayed:** Congratulations to MHES students Kaitlyn Brewer, Helen Clark, Brayden Walker, and Breland Breazeale whose artwork was displayed at the Asheville Fine Arts Show this past weekend! The art can be viewed at the following [facebook.com/marswillwildcats/photos/pcb.2516684691909970/2516684618576644/?type=3&theater](https://www.facebook.com/marswillwildcats/photos/pcb.2516684691909970/2516684618576644/?type=3&theater).



**MECHS Outdoor Classroom:** Oshen Wallin, MECHS Science Teacher, applied for grants and received \$2,000 from the Pigeon River Fund through the Mountain Valleys Resource and Conservation Development and Ivy River Partnership as well as \$250 from the Madison County Rotary. Please see the attached for additional details.

**Data Impacting MCS Students:** If our graduates want to stay in this region, and be competitive, we have to continue to align our programs with sectors of the economy that will grow, and encourage our students to attain the credentials to get a good job. Of 27,000 new jobs projected over the next 5 years, a great majority of those jobs will be in the manufacturing and the restaurant/lodging industry. Less than half of our residents age 25-44 have a college credential. The vast majority of new jobs require education beyond high school with a strong emphasis on communication, critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration. While our region has the highest percentage of job growth in NC, and the lowest unemployment rate for 52 months, the job market for graduates with higher level degrees, is saturated. By 2025, only 30% of our current 9<sup>th</sup> graders are projected to graduate with an AA/BA degree. We must communicate clearly with families about the free post-secondary opportunities available to our students in both of our high schools.



*True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost. ~Arthur Ashe*

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| 11/18/19 | Board Meeting | CSS     |
|          | Closed        | 5:00 PM |
|          | Work          | 5:30 PM |
|          | Open          | 6:00 PM |

## Attachments:

- Outdoor Classroom Article
- Sales Tax Article
- My Future NC

## Madison County Schools

### Mission



*The students of Madison County Schools will have meaningful experiences and valuable academic preparation to ensure a brighter future.*