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Personal Curriculum Information

Dear Ogemaw Heights High School Parents:

In January 2007, the Michigan legislature passed laws related to high school graduation requirements, known as the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC). The MMC contains more rigorous standards for graduation with a high school diploma. We expect that the MMC requirements will improve the quality of education for ALL Michigan public high school students. We are also aware that some students have special talents and interests that warrant additions to the curriculum. Other students may have disabilities that require some accommodations to keep the MMC meaningful and fair. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of your right to request a Personal Curriculum (PC) for your son or daughter. A PC is a documented process that modifies certain requirements of the MMC. If you believe your son or daughter needs a Personal Curriculum, you must make a request for consideration of a PC. A team will be formed to determine what curriculum changes are appropriate. A PC may not be needed if the MMC for a student can be addressed with other reasonable arrangements.

The MMC law requires the following when considering a Personal Curriculum:

- The PC must be requested by the parent or current school teacher or counselor.
- The PC is developed by a group that includes the student and parent and teacher or counselor.
- The PC must adhere to the MMC content standards as much as possible for the student.
- The PC may modify the Algebra 2 content, modify requirements of a student with an IEP, or modify requirements for a student who transfers from out of state.
- The PC must be approved by the Superintendent of the school district.
- The PC process requires that parents play an active role in monitoring the PC and allows the PC to be adjusted during the course of the student's high school education, using the same process, as appropriate.

If you are interested in more information about the Michigan Merit Curriculum or a Personal Curriculum, it can be found at www.michigan.gov/highschool. Regardless of your child's path through the MMC to graduation, we are looking forward to working with you to provide meaningful educational opportunities for all of our students. If you would like to discuss the options of a PC for your student, please contact your child's Guidance Counselor.

Sincerely,

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