Parent Communications March 2, 2017

A Parent Communications meeting was held on March 2, 2017, with 30 parent representatives and ambassadors present.

Dr. Worthington, Director of Schools, welcomed the group and introduced guest speaker, Taylor Hall, Director of Outreach, State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE). Mr. Hall discussed:

- education impact on the economy
- how and why TNReady was developed
- update from Questar on the success of the practice tests and TN teacher involvement
- update on SCORE's teacher preparation work and how that impacts education across TN

For more information, visit: <u>ExpectMoreTN.org</u> and <u>TNReady.gov</u>. In addition, please see the CMCSS EngageTV video regarding SCORE: https://cmcssfocus.net/2017/03/09/engagetv-score/

Mr. Hall gave a second presentation on AIM High TN (<u>A</u>chievement, <u>I</u>nnovation, <u>M</u>easurement). AIM High TN is an initiative led by military, education, and community leaders from across Tennessee that works to raise awareness about the unique challenges military families face, provides educational resources to military families, and helps support the academic success of military children. For additional information, the AIM website: <u>AimHighTN.com</u>. CMCSS EngageTV: https://cmcssfocus.net/2017/03/10/engagetv-aim-high-tennessee/

529 TNSTARS College Savings Plan was briefly discussed and will be continued in April. Their website is: www.tnstars.com

The last Parent Communications meeting for the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for April 6 in the Boardroom at 11:30 a.m.

Question of the Month – April: Are CMCSS schools successfully preparing all students for college or careers? If not, what are your concerns?

If you have comments, please send those to Deb Cummings (deborah.cummings@cmcss.net).

The meeting notes from each month (another useful tool to share with parents and principals) are posted on the CMCSS website under the "Students & Parents" tab.