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Faculty and Staff:

A few miscellaneous items as we head into the end of first quarter:

1- Congratulations to Mr. Tim Walker, who will represent us as Wakefield High School's Teacher of the Year for the 2013-2014 school year! As you know, this is a tremendous honor, especially when selected by your colleagues. We wish Mr. Walker well throughout the WCPSS TOY process.

2- Ashley Blawas, one of our Seniors, was recently recognized as receiving a perfect score on the ACT. This is a tremendous feat, so if you know Ashley, wish her congratulations!

3- All teachers who taught an EOC or MSL course last year should have received an email from EVAAS/SAS with information pertaining to teacher effectiveness. Soon, you will receive full access to the system so that you can see how your students did in relation to the rest of the district and state. If you recall last year, core teachers met with me in the media center to complete percentages in EVAAS to determine the amount of responsibility you had when working with each of your students. *All of this relates to Standard 6 of the Teacher Evaluation Instrument.* Overall, we did extremely well as a school, with a lot to be proud of despite a new curriculum and new tests. Below you'll find the overall data—

EOCs: 22% of teachers exceeded expectations and 74% met expectations;

MSLs: 60% of teachers exceeded expectations and 38% met expectations;

CTE: 41% of teachers exceeded expectations and 59% met expectations.

Although we're still waiting to get an overall picture of our performance composite, I am quite pleased with our overall teacher effectiveness based on the EVAAS data.

4- As you know from Dr. Wells' emails, we need to work together in the Celebrate My Drive voting in order to reward our school with \$100,000. Although it may not seem like a big deal to you, \$100,000 is 1 ½ times more than what the budget given to departments covers. You have heard that I decide where the money goes, but in the end, I plan to have select groups of teachers, parents, and students help in determining where the money goes. Wakefield got a bad rap at the end of last year, and we have to work together in enhancing our image in a positive way. Have a couple of computers on in your classroom, and do everything you can to help get some votes for our school.

I rarely give directives, but it is important that you work with your first period classes to get us the votes we need to win some money.

5- Finally, I have been getting a bit of flak lately from parents due to us not opening up PowerSchools for parent access until this week. I made this decision due to the number of issues with the system going down on a daily basis, and to give you the opportunity to get fully acclimated to the system. As Ms. Thomas indicated last week, parents were granted access yesterday as were students. It is imperative that you stay up to date with entering grades in the system. In my role, I am used to taking heat in order to support our staff members. In return, I need you to do your part in ensuring that you communicate regularly with parents and keep your grades up to date on a weekly basis.

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