



MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education & Early Development
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Thru: Commissioner Michael Johnson
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Subject: Agenda 17D. Mt. Edgecumbe High School Standing Report

Note from the Superintendent

My last meeting with the Advisory Board will be a celebratory time as we prepare for graduation and the exciting things in Mt. Edgecumbe High Schools' (MEHS) future, and yet a bit sad for me as I say good-bye in my position. It has been a wonderful six years for me here at MEHS. I will greatly miss the students, parents, and the team of folks that make this school so wonderful. I will also be forever grateful for the support and guidance I have had from the Advisory Board. You all have been so supportive, but also provided direction as needed and have taken on some pretty big decisions. Thank you so much, it has been a pleasure to work for you all.

Current Enrollment

Overall, our goal is to retain 90% of our students over the course of the year. We have not met that goal the last two years during the pandemic. We hope that we will be able to see a return to high retention when things are back to normal with a lot of activity and no restricted town leave. Once we started having town leave, we saw a huge increase in student's attitudes.

At the meeting you will be provided with a confidential report with more detail.

Capacity- 394 Beds (29 day students - Sitka)

Grade	Returning	Accepted/ new	Class size year start	October	May	To-Date Retention
9	0	110	110	104	88	80%
10	86	32	118	112	98	83%
11	103	4	107	106	92	86%
12	81	5	86	81	71	82%
totals	270	151	421	403	349	83%

Returning numbers include students who were accepted last year and deferred because of COVID.

Admissions have started for next year. The applications are available on our website: www.mehs.us. Applications that are complete prior to April 1 are reviewed in our first round of reviews. We started using the term “early decision” for these and we plan to send out accepted or advanced to next round for these early decisions students in May 2022. Below shows the number of completed applications. The numbers are like other years.

Grade	Returning	Target #*	“Openings”*	Complete Apps as of 3-31	Incomplete Apps
9		110-115	115	71	63
10	88	115-120	27-32	22	41
11	98	105-110	7-12	5	20
12	92	95-100	3-8	5	13
totals	278		150	104	137

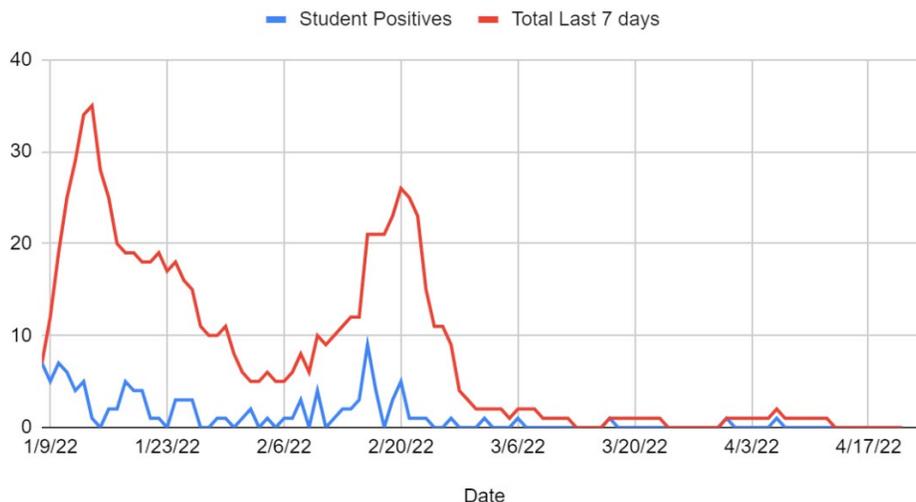
* Target #s and openings are general guidelines based on a full capacity dorm and typical schedule. Dorm max is 410 (there are typically around 20 Sitka students). Numbers may be adjusted based on applicants, dorm availability, and class numbers. Seniors are only accepted if transcripts align with graduation requirements.

Returning numbers are all current students, and we have not yet surveyed to find out if any are not planning to return.

COVID Update

COVID numbers are again on the rise in Sitka, however the MEHS campus has enjoyed a long period of low COVID numbers. Below is a chart from when kids returned in January 2022 to the current day.

Student Positives and Total Last 7 days



Data Highlight

Strategic Plan Goal: College and Career Readiness

MEHS students will have a post-secondary plan and be prepared to successfully pursue that plan

Senior Class* (All Data is preliminary)

Graduates: 71

Alaska Performance Scholarship Earners: 8 collegiate level

Industry Certificates Earned: * unofficial 25-30, finalizing data

Advanced Placement Course Completions: 22 Seniors

Dual Credits Recorded (does not include any earned through Advanced Placement (AP) courses):
59 Seniors

College Credit in Native Languages: 17 Seniors

Pool Update

Pool is shifting to our first ever full-scale summer. We have added a temporary head lifeguard and will be hiring several lifeguards to put on several summer programs. The current legislative budget does have funds to operate the pool. The pool funds – expenses and revenues – are no longer part of the school foundation budget. This clear separation is very helpful.