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Dear Maritime Family:

Although now cliché, it remains true that no amount of planning could have predicted the constant change associated with the coronavirus pandemic for the past 2 and ½ school years. With the 2022-2023 school year, however, we can again concentrate on educating our students and preparing them for success in their future careers. The lessons we have learned have provided evidence that the individualization and flexibility, present at The Maritime Academy, creates successful graduates that are able to obtain quality careers right after high school or college. During the 2022-2023 school year we will continue this trend but have some exciting new developments that build upon past tradition but promise to take our academy to all new heights.

Let me share this excitement with you:

Technology:

- o We are a one-to-one technology school which means all students are assigned a laptop.
- o We have relocated our world class ship simulator to our main building which allows all students to utilize it during regular classes. In addition, we will be able to offer ship handling electives to students.
- o We are getting ready to launch our participation in the “Early IT” program from Owens and the University of Cincinnati on September 5th, 2022.

Academics:

- o We have added a career advisor position that helps students track credits, complete graduation plans, research careers, and be more prepared for graduation.
- o We have reorganized our school climate department to provide support to students and educate the “whole child.”
- o We have added high quality curricula in Math and Language Arts.
- o We will have a free after school program.
- o We have added extra support for students into the regular school day.
- o We continue to work with our Sponsor, The ESC of Central Ohio, to be leaders in implementing the Teacher Clarity process.
- o We have begun welding classes in the Captain William and Pamela Davis Marine Welding Center which contains four brand new MIG/ARC welders.
- o We continue to implement Positive Behavior Supports (PBIS) and have a dedicated store for rewards and prizes. Rewards include 3 bikes, TV’s, tablets, etc.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- o During the 2022-2023 school year we will have boxing, swimming, basketball,

volleyball, cheerleading, ship simulator competitions, Drama Club, the Leadership Corps, student council, martial arts, and any other activity of interest to students.

Communication:

We will continue a communication triad:

- We have an instant text messaging system to keep everyone updated.
- We have the website and soon to come Mobile App (This has taken quite a while to develop).
- Every Wednesday beginning August 24th, 2022 I will host a weekly Facebook live session to answer questions and provide important updates. The session will be called Maritime Live.
- One time per month we will host community open houses to allow for informative and fun activities.

I look forward to providing the best education possible for all of our students!!

Sincerely,

Aaron Lusk
Superintendent