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Dear Anthony Families,

I hope you are doing well in spite of the rollercoaster weather. With daylight savings this Sunday, we will at least be able to enjoy light out when done with school and work. Hopefully by April the students will be able to play on the field and soak up some sun during recess.

I would like to take this opportunity to share Anthony's budget for the 2019-2020 school year. Although several factors impacted our budget, our priorities remain unchanged. Anthony's goal is to provide a positive and safe learning environment in order to meet students' social emotional growth and development during a crucial time in their education and life. We made sure to maintain class size, sustain the rich variety of course offerings, retain mental health and behavior support and keep our programs such as IB-MYP, AVID, Amity, AmeriCorps and Project Lead the Way.

If you were unable to attend our State of the School and Title I meeting last Thursday, the presentation can be found on our school website. The three major factors that impacted Anthony's budget were:

- **Enrollment** – Our projected enrollment for 2019-2020 is 771, which is 2% or 15 fewer students. In addition, our English Language Learner and our Special Education enrollment decreased as well. The demographic changes resulted in a 2% cut of \$103,717.
- **Free Reduced Lunch (FRL)** – Our FRL numbers at the time of reporting in December was 36% (currently 37%), which did not meet the 40% threshold to qualify for Schoolwide Title I Funds. Anthony's Schoolwide Title I Funds this school year were \$224,249, which is 4% of our budget that we will not receive next year. While we sought Targeted Title I Funds, we will not receive Targeted Title I dollars to be able to provide services to our students identified as most at risk academically. Nonetheless, we will continue to serve and educate *ALL* students within our means.
- **Predictable Staffing** – The district implemented Predictable Staffing, which is a staffing standard that families and students can expect at every Minneapolis Public School. Mandates under predictable staffing require Anthony to fund an additional counselor at .5 FTE (\$55,597.50), a 40-hour Security Monitor (\$37,069), and a .5 Differentiated Specialist. Of the three positions, the .5 Differentiated Specialist was the only position that the district funded in our budget. We are expected to fund the counselor and security monitor within our allocation.

When maintaining all of our current programming and staffing along with the additional predictable staffing requirements, our deficit is roughly \$285,249. Our top priority in the budgeting process is to minimize the impact on students while upholding our school values and programs. In order to tie out our budget on March 15th, we are needing to reduce and/or cut the following.

- Reduce our operational costs by at least \$18,000 (ex: printing, supplies, equipment, substitute reserve teachers, extended time, etc.)
- Reduce our Deans from 3 to 2 Deans (from \$160,152 to \$111,172)
- Reduce a total of 1.4 Teaching FTEs (.2 World Language, .6 Core and .6 Electives to be determined) which is a total of \$140,847
 - All three world languages (French, Spanish, Japanese) will still be offered. Taking a look at class sizes, either .2 FTE in one language or .1 FTE in two languages will be cut.
 - Reducing some core and elective sections will make it difficult for scheduling; therefore, student schedule changes in the fall will occur to balance class sizes.
- Cut myOn and MathCorps (\$6,800)
- Cut .3 Teacher on Special Assignment (\$30,182)
- Cut .3 Drama (\$30,182)
- We will not buy up the City-Wide Social Worker at .1 FTE (\$10,303) to make the position a .5 like we did this current year. The Special Education department was able to fund our City-Wide Social Worker at .5 FTE for next school year.

Anthony has dedicated and passionate teachers and support staff that have students' best interest at heart. I want to assure you that we will do everything possible to help your child experience positive academic, social and emotional growth here at Anthony.

I want to thank families and staff for your continued support as we work and advocate together for the best possible outcomes for our students. I welcome your feedback. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



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