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Mount Clemens Community Schools Launches Planning for Macomb County's First International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

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MOUNT CLEMENS, MI: The Mount Clemens Middle School received approval to proceed with the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program planning for the 2007 – 2008 school year. The IBMYP provides an academically challenging framework for students in grades 6 through 8. The program provides a thorough study of English, a modern language, history, science, mathematics, the arts, physical education, and technology. These subjects are taught using five areas of interaction: approaches to learning, community service, health and social education, the environment, and human creativity and its impact on society. The International Baccalaureate aim is to develop internationally-minded people who, recognizing (our) common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better, more peaceful world.

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IB), an independent, non-governmental, non-profit educational organization, is a recognized leader in the field of international education, encouraging students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals and engaged world citizens. Founded in 1968, the IB today works with 1,721 schools in 122 countries to offer and develop its three

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challenging programs, primary, middle year, and diploma, to approximately 200,000 students ranging in age from 3 to 19.

The Mount Clemens Middle School will be a whole-school program and serve as preparation for the rigorous Michigan Merit Curriculum and graduation requirements. The school is required to implement their International Baccalaureate program for at least one year and then undergo a rigorous review by the International Baccalaureate Organization before receiving full authorization. The District Strategic Planning Committee's last meeting is March 8th at 6:30pm in the Administration Building's Conference Room. The District Strategic Planning Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding the location of the Middle School's Middle Years Program on March 21, 2007. A ***Community Forum*** will be held on March 6th at 6:30pm in King's Academy's Library. We invite parents and community members to attend.

The District expects over 444 students to be enrolled in middle school, grades six through eight for the 2007 – 08 school year. For information contact Julie Lemond, Chief Academic Officer, Mount Clemens Community Schools, 586-461-3775, or lemondj@mtcps.org. The website for the International Baccalaureate Organization is www.ibo.org.

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