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**MOUNT CLEMENS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PREPARES TO  
CELEBRATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN A “PARADE OF SUCCESS”  
ON JUNE 2, 2005**

Please join students, staff and parents of the Mount Clemens Community School District in a celebration of student academic success that includes a parade through the city, entertainment, celebrities and highlights of each school’s accomplishments. The event begins on June 2, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the Mount Clemens High School Athletic Field with a kickoff program. After the program, beginning at 10:00 a.m. as many as 5,000 students, staff, parents and school supporters will parade proudly through the community from Church Street to Lodewyck, up to Cass Avenue to Southbound Gratiot and back to the Athletic Field. Superintendent, Dr. T. C. Wallace, Jr. has extended an invitation to parents, community members and other supporters to come to the opening ceremony and then join the district’s students on their proud march through the city. “Student achievement is our only business,” expressed Dr. Wallace.

The school-improvement model that the District has implemented has led to significant increases in student performance, based on state and standardized test results. Even though there are many indicators of success that the district plans to highlight during the

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parade, the one that has been most widely publicized is the recent release of the 2005 MEAP scores. For example, in Mount Clemens Community Schools, the number of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students that achieved proficiency on the recent MEAP writing test increased over 120% in one school year! This is significant, when statewide 7<sup>th</sup> grade writing scores fell by over 14%. In addition, the numbers of scholarships, honors and awards that were recently a part of the Mount Clemens High School's Honors Convocation were impressive to the attendees. "Our Top Ten students match up with any in the country," said Dr. Wallace, "and we are very proud of these students."

An essential component of this school improvement model is celebrating success by recognizing students and teachers for their hard work and effort. Superintendent, Dr. T. C. Wallace, Jr. was so pleased with this year's progress that he challenged Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Terri Spencer and building principals with developing a district-wide event to celebrate student achievement. A 27-member task force worked to develop the specific plans – the outcome of their meetings and efforts is the "Parade of Success."

The parade is structured to emphasize individual success with student name tags and attached ribbons that signify specific achievement gains based on the color of the ribbon. Each school in the district will have various colored shirts, banners and flags, as well as signs carried by students that advertise their many successes. The parade will begin and end at the Mount Clemens High School Athletic Field and there is no cost to participate. Those wanting to attend or participate in the Parade of Success can park in either school or municipal parking lots. Questions regarding the event can be addressed by the Office of Superintendent or Chief Academic Officer by calling (586) 469-6100.