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ISD to host public forum on graduation requirements

The Muskegon Area Intermediate School District has been chosen by Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Representative for the 22nd District and Chair of the House Education Subcommittee on High School Alternatives, to host a public forum regarding high school graduation requirements. The hearing will be held on **Monday, September 22, 2008**, from **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** at the MAISD Conference Center located at 630 Harvey Street, Muskegon. Other members of the Education Committee will also be present including local Representative Mary Valentine(D) and Representatives Robert Dean(D) of the 75th District, Steven Lindberg(D) of the 109th District, Judy Emmons(R) of the 70th District, and Paul Opsommer(R) of the 93rd District.

This is the first public hearing to be held in the Muskegon area since the graduation requirements, also known as the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC), were enacted in March 2006. Dr. Susan Meston, MAISD Superintendent, said, "This hearing offers an important and unique opportunity right here in Muskegon County. We encourage parents, students, school staff, school board members, and others to come and speak about their personal experiences, opinions, suggestions, and ideas regarding the requirements." The MMC includes English, mathematics, science, social studies, health/physical education, the arts (visual, performing, or applied), world languages, and an online learning experience. With the exception of world languages, these requirements are effective with the Class of 2011, this year's 10th grade class.

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