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TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools  
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DATE: 3/30/ 2023  
RE: *Response to Motion: Ninth Graders Failing One or More Core Classes*

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The following report is in response to a motion by Jackie Doherty:

*Request the superintendent to report on the current number and percentage of ninth graders failing 1 or more core classes.*

The information requested is given in the table below. Similar information for last school year is provided for context. Further context is provided in the subsequent page.

	# Ninth graders failing one or more class as of end of second quarter, Jan. 2023 (% in parenthesis)	
	Freshman Academy	All 9th graders (includes 9th grader repeaters)
2022 - 2023	186 of 857 (21.7%)	241 of 977 (24.7%)
2021 - 2022	215 of 853 (26.1%)	299 of 986 (30.3%)

Additional context:

At present there are 977 grade 9 students. Of those, 857 are first time freshmen and 120 are 9th grade repeaters. A ninth grade repeater is one who either does not earn enough credits during their freshman year at LHS or who enters from another district without the credits and course work needed to be considered a sophomore.

Credit recovery programs began prior to and during February vacation and will remain in effect through June. Support is offered before school, after school and on Saturdays. Additionally, students have the opportunity to engage in credit recovery over April vacation.

In addition to offering a variety of credit recovery courses, LHS is proposing a 9+ Academy for SY23-24 which will promote cross departmental collaboration and work to get students back on track for graduation by 2026. Additionally, LHS is increasing support for SWD and ELL students across all grade levels.