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TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools

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RE: Update regarding *Response to Motion: Ninth Graders Failing One or More Class*

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During discussion of a Response to Motion in the 4/5/2023 School Committee meeting, Stacy Thompson made a follow up motion:

*That the data on the current number and percentage of ninth graders failing 1 or more core classes be disaggregated*

The disaggregated data requested by Ms. Thompson is given below, beneath the original data table and the section on additional context which were part of the original Response to Motion.

	<b># Ninth graders failing one or more class as of end of second quarter, Jan. 2023 (% in parenthesis)</b>	
	Freshman Academy	All 9th graders (includes 9th grader repeaters)
<b>2022 - 2023</b>	186 of 857 (21.7%)	241 of 977 (24.7%)
<b>2021 - 2022</b>	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.

**Disaggregated Data:****2022-2023 Data for requested subgroups (Grade 9 Students Failing One or More Core Class):****Gender**

	Freshman Academy	All 9th Graders (Includes 9th Grader Repeaters)
Female	76 of 385 (19.7%)	101 of 435 (23.2%)
Male	102 of 443 (23.0%)	125 of 498 (25.1%)

*\*Some students do not have this category reported in Aspen*

**Race**

	Freshman Academy	All 9th Graders (Includes 9th Grader Repeaters)
White	30 of 157 (19.1%)	40 of 176 (22.7%)
Asian	30 of 232 (12.9%)	39 of 254 (15.4%)
Black	8 of 54 (14.8%)	15 of 65 (23.1%)
Hispanic	85 of 282 (30.1%)	102 of 322 (31.7%)
Multiple	33 of 98 (33.7%)	45 of 112 (40.2%)

*\*Some students do not have this category reported in Aspen*

**Special Education Status**

	Freshman Academy	All 9th Graders (Includes 9th Grader Repeaters)
Active	39 of 130 (30.0%)	54 of 163 (33.1%)
Not Active	147 of 727 (20.2%)	187 of 814 (23.0%)