



Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, as Seniors prepare to graduate, there are numerous expenses that arise beyond the classroom that are essential elements of the traditions of our school. In the past, in an effort to reduce these costs, each graduating class participated in numerous fundraisers that were met with varying levels of student participation which, in the end, resulted in a lot of parental irritation and very little monetary success.

However, as of 2014, Monty Tech has instituted a new method of fundraising that has already resulted in reducing the cost of student activities and the overall pestering of parents. The Monty Tech Class Dues Program requires all students to pay a dues fee of \$100 over their four years at Monty Tech. Students are asked to pay in increments of \$25 per year; however, students can pay in full at any point. It is important to note that dues are non-refundable for any reason. Our ultimate goal is to lessen the monetary burden of the students' senior year. This also makes it much more equitable for all members of the class, as each member is adding to the class fund as opposed to the very few who choose to fundraise.

The overall cost of prom tickets, yearbooks, Senior t-shirts, Senior breakfast, etc. has been estimated to cost students around \$350. However, with the success of Class Dues, we have already been able to reduce that burden. Last year, the Class of 2016 received their graduation cap and gown for free as opposed to paying \$25. In addition, there was a significant reduction in the cost of prom tickets. This was achieved with only collecting two years of dues. Thus, as the program continues, we hope to see even further reduction in Senior class costs.

As a school, we certainly understand the strain that Class Dues might put on some families; therefore, ALL students will have the option to fundraise the \$100. Students choosing the fundraising option will be required to participate in a Yankee Candle fundraiser that will take place in November of each year. Students who are delinquent in paying their class dues will not be eligible for their class' discounted prices, nor will they be allowed to participate in any class sponsored activities. Any student who makes a valid attempt at fundraising will be entitled to an appeal process if their account is delinquent.

Class dues payments will be collected in the form of cash or check during academic lunches. Freshmen/Juniors will pay during the week of November 7th and Sophomores/Seniors during the week of November 14th. There will be an additional collection period later in the year during second semester. Checks should be made out

to Monty Tech Class of _____. *Please make sure to put your child's name in the notes section of your check.* All questions should be directed to your child's class advisors via email.

We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Monty Tech Class Advisors

Freshmen – Class of 2020: Kathleen Sallila & Kathleen Hanson
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