## Response Provided by MCPS Administration

**Under Goal 2: Future Ready Graduates, the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Benchmark (SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer) shows a 2025–2026 actual value that is 12.4 percentage points below the established target. What factors contributed to this variance? What strategies is MCPS implementing to improve student outcomes on this metric?**

| Metric | 2024–2025 Baseline | 2025–2026 Target | 2025–2026 Actual | 2026–2027 Target | Variance | Status to Target |
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| FAFSA/MSFAA completion | 61.2% | 62.0% | 62.0% | 63.0% | 0 | ON / ABOVE |
| College/career readiness benchmark on SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer | 46.0% | 55.0% | 42.6% | 60.0% | -12.4 | BELOW |

The variance is the difference between the actual and our target. More specifically, it is not that we decreased in the percentage of students meeting this measure, but that we were 12 points less than our strategic plan target in this area. The difference between the baseline performance and the 2025-2026 performance is a decrease of 3.4 percentage points.