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Coffee and Conversation with the Community

Madeira City Schools Superintendent Kenji Matsudo welcomed a group of longtime residents to its fall Senior Citizen Coffee, held in the Perin Learning Commons Courtyard at Madeira High School. The bi-annual event offers community members a chance to reconnect with the district, hear first hand updates, and celebrate the successes of Madeira students and staff.

Superintendent Matsudo opened the morning by introducing Jen Shinn, a 1996 Madeira High School graduate who was recently named Executive Director of the Madeira Schools Foundation. Shinn will lead alumni engagement and help grow support for the district through fundraising and community partnerships.

Assistant Superintendent Dave Bergan spoke to the group about the recently released state report card. He commented that out of 607 school districts rated this year in Ohio, Madeira was one of only 47 districts in the state to receive an overall rating of 5 stars. As a school district, Madeira's overall district rating was the 5th highest in the State.

"We're especially proud of our students and staff for their outstanding work. Since the inception of the State Report Card in 1997-98, Madeira has always been regarded at the highest levels," said Superintendent Matsudo." Our legacy of delivering a high-quality education is strong." Mr. Matsudo went on to share that the state report only tells part of the story, and that the district's annual release of the Madeira Quality Profile will be sent to the community next week that describes all the stories beyond test scores that make a Madeira education so special.

Senior citizens also got an update on the district's upgraded athletic facilities including replacing the high school's gymnasium floor, bleachers, and locker rooms – along with the turfed baseball field with new drainage that was completed last spring. Toward the end of the coffee and conversation, Mr. Matsudo had arranged for the group to hear from MHS seniors Keene Buckner, Grace Kellett, Braeden Wallace, and Isabella Sammut. Each student shared with the community members about their experience at Madeira, what they've been involved in, and their future plans.

"I enjoy hearing the district news and accomplishments of my alma mater," said Jim Decatur MHS Class of 1950. "I am always impressed with how well-spoken our Madeira students are and I couldn't be more proud of Madeira." Among the community members in attendance were former Madeira school board members, parents & grandparents of Madeira students, and alumni like Jim Decatur '50 and Lynn (Seibel) Lukey ' 72.

The spring coffee will be held April 8, 2026. Any Madeira senior citizen who would like to be added to the mailing list for future coffees, or other district senior citizen events are asked to contact Diane Nichols at 513.924.3707 or dnichols@madeiracityschools.org.

Pictured left: MHS senior Keene Buckner speaking about his experiences at Madeira. Right: Superintendent Matsudo reviewing the state report card results.