**MLHS Student Body Demographics 2012**

Almost $90,000 was awarded in student tuition aid this year. Families must complete an application through the Tuition Aid Data Services. This independent company then reports to us the amount of scholarship assistance for which the family qualifies. (In some cases they have recommended families pay -$0-)

Because the Christian education provided at MLHS has value and families should recognize that value, no student is given a full scholarship. The Board of Directors has set a base tuition amount that they feel each family should pay per student. That amount is $1,024 for Full Association Members and $1,224 for those from other churches. This amount can be paid by someone else. (It does not qualify as a tax-deductible donation.) In some cases we have other parents paying tuition for other students.

The tuition aid that is awarded each year is not “real” dollars. In order to make the MLHS budget operate in the black, this amount must be raised through donations and fund raising events.

One-fifth of our student population lives in single parent homes.

28% come from churches that are Associate members or are not LCMS or are not Lutheran. Tuition for these students is $5,785 for the first child and $4,339 for the second child.

 18% are non-associate Lutheran or not LCMS Lutheran

 10% are come from other protestant congregations

72% are members of Full Association congregations. These students pay a lower rate of tuition. $4,490 for the first child and $3,368 for the second child.

Students come from 9 different school districts.

Towns that students come from are: Amboy, Blue Earth, Ceylon, Estherville, Fairmont, Granada, Madelia, Northrop, Sherburn, Trimont, Truman, Vernon Center, Welcome and Winnebago.

We have:

* One US student who is boarding with family friends in order to attend MLHS.
* One International student from China who is living here and will graduate this year.
* Two Foreign exchange students from Slovakia. They do not pay tuition. We are in partnership with the Lutheran high school in Tisovec, Slovakia. They have sent us at least one student per year for the past several years. Because the Slovakian economy is much weaker than ours and many of the students are unchurched, we look at this student exchange as a mission opportunity. These fine students add much to the MLHS environment.
* One Foreign exchange student from Germany. Students that come to us through the Foreign Exchange program pay full non-member tuition plus extra fees to cover the cost of the additional paperwork needed.