

## BOARD MEMBERS HONORED FOR DEDICATED SERVICE AT FINAL MEETING

Montgomery County Schools extended our deepest gratitude to the board members who concluded their terms in 2024 for their unwavering commitment and service to our district. With a combined 138 years of experience in Montgomery County Schools, their dedication to our students, staff, and community has been extraordinary. Their leadership, vision, and tireless efforts have profoundly shaped the future of education in Montgomery County, creating a lasting legacy of excellence and opportunity. We thank them for their invaluable contributions and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



### ***Celebrating our incredible students' hard work, dedication, and achievements your success inspires us all!***

Superintendent Dr. Matt Thompson and the Board of Education acknowledged the remarkable journey of the Montgomery County High School Football Team. The MCHS Indians concluded their season last month after hard-fought battles, reaching the first round of the state playoffs and securing a district title. This was the first district title in 26 years! Michael Caba serves as the team's head coach and was recognized as the Class 5A District Coach of the Year for the 2024 season. Jaimen Caba was named District Player of the Year. Elijah Ebanks, Graydyne Fairchild, Jonathon Garcia, Jacob Gumm, Jonathan Hammond, Caleb Jackson, James Kissick, Kamron Saville, Cooper Slagle, Jacob Sutton, Gabe Tipton, and Landen Wilson made the All-District Team.



## DISTRICT EARNS CLEAN AUDIT

During the work session, it was announced that Montgomery County Schools achieved a clean audit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, a testament to the exceptional work of Director of Finance Angela Rhodes Warner and her dedicated team. Their unwavering commitment to financial integrity, meticulous attention to detail, and adherence to best practices have ensured transparency and accountability in managing district resources.

## APPROVAL OF A SERIES OF CHANGE ORDERS OF CHENAULT AGRICULTURE BARN

The Board unanimously approved a series of change orders to enhance the Chenault Agriculture Barn and its facilities. These changes include installing a high-quality sound system, upgrading the flooring, adding a functional countertop in the auctioneer booth, and expanding the barn's footprint at the back. The flooring upgrade will significantly improve the barn's aesthetic appeal and make it easier to maintain and clean. Given the anticipated heavy foot traffic during various events, this change will create a more durable and long-lasting environment.

The new sound system is vital for the barn's operations, allowing for better audio capabilities during events. This enhancement ensures that announcements can be heard clearly throughout the facility, creating a more enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Expanding the barn's livestock area will create more space and enhance the facilities for housing and caring for animals. This expansion demonstrates the district's commitment to supporting agricultural education and offering students valuable hands-on learning experiences in a safe and well-equipped environment.



## Superintendent's Report

Our students' opportunities to show mastery of many skills are fantastic! Here are some of the strong performances in all aspects of our student experience since our last Board Meeting.

- Due to our students and the hard work of Mr. Buckman and the MCHS Key Club, over 15,000 non-perishable items were donated to the Sterling Community Food Coalition during the Key Club's annual food drive. Over the last 4 years they have successfully gathered and donated more than 55,000 items.
- Logan Colliver made it to the 2025 KMEA All-State Band
- MCHS Cheerleaders finished 5th at the KHSAA State Championship!
- The MCHS Choirs united with the Morehead State University choirs and the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra for a remarkable concert.
- MCHS Senior Elijah Coleman was named to the Bass Master High School All-American list.
- MCHS Senior Bailey Reeves committed to further her academic and athletic career at Northern Kentucky University and will go on to compete in the Women's Triathlon for the Norse.
- MCHS Esports Rocket League Team advanced to the state semi-finals and will compete tomorrow at the University of Kentucky.
- MCHS student Aubrie Douglas was selected to the 2025 Jr. High All-State Choir
- MCHS Volleyball student athletes Alexis White, Sara Zink and Sophie Fouch were named to the All 10th Region Volleyball teams. Alexis was named 1st team All-region while Sara and Sophie were named 2nd team All-region.
- Ava Vanderhoof, Daniel McCarty, Ben Sapp, Katie Allison, Liam Bourne, and Maxx Sapp were selected to the 2025 KMEA All-state Choir.

## DISTRICT APPROVES

- The Kentucky Department of Education mandates the submission of a BG-1 form for all construction projects. The Board has confidently approved the initial BG-1 for the high school renovation project, effectively addressing the current facility plan needs and enabling the project to advance to the design phase.
- Due to ongoing issues, The Board approved replacing the bleachers at MSE.
- The Board has approved the purchase of three vehicles: one for student transportation, one for the police department, and one for maintenance.
- The technology department has recommended that the Board approve an upgrade of the video and audio equipment in the Clay Center ballrooms. This upgrade will include the installation of new projectors and a functional sound system, significantly enhancing the experience for all users and renters of the ballrooms. It will allow for easy sharing of presentations across one or all three screens and provide clear audio through built-in speakers, making it more effective for professional development training sessions and community events.
- The Board approved painting the interior of Northview Elementary.



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