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Subject: Welcome Back from Superintendent McLoughlin

Dear Montgomery Township School District Community,

I hope you've had a relaxing, fun-filled summer and are feeling recharged for the year ahead. The first day of the 2025–2026 school year is almost here, and I couldn't be more excited to welcome everyone back!

Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another year, I want you to know how grateful we are to have you as part of our Montgomery family. Your continued support, partnership, and enthusiasm help make our district a truly special place to learn and grow.

Behind the scenes, our incredible staff has been hard at work preparing for an inspiring and enriching school year. It will be one filled with engaging lessons, exciting co-curricular opportunities, and countless moments of connection and discovery. A special shout-out goes to our outstanding buildings, grounds, and custodial teams, whose dedication has made our schools shine. Our facilities look fantastic, and we're ready to welcome our students back in style!

I'm also proud to share some exciting news: Montgomery High School has been named a **U.S. News & World Report Best High School** for the 2025–2026 school year! With an impressive overall score of 97.41 out of 100, MHS ranked #464 nationally out of nearly 18,000 high schools. This recognition reflects the hard work, talent, and commitment of our students, educators, and families. Congratulations to all!

Mark Your Calendar: The First Day of School is Thursday, September 4, 2025!

It will be a full day of learning, reconnecting, and setting the tone for a great year ahead.

Strategic Plan

In alignment with our strategic plan, the district's strategic goals for 2025-26 are:

Goal 1: The Student Experience: Student Achievement, Teaching, and Learning - MTSD will advance student learning and engagement by integrating Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles and personalized instruction, fostering authentic, real-world experiences driven by a revised Portrait of a Graduate. We will continue our work expanding community partnerships, refining core curricula through content analysis, and strategically building internal capacity for professional development.

Goal 2: Communication, Community Engagement, and Outreach - MTSD is dedicated to enhancing district-community communication to foster stronger relationships essential for student success. Based on survey data and stakeholder feedback, we will prioritize refining communication tools while maintaining a strong connection with our township partners.

Goal 3: Culture and Climate (Social Emotional Learning (SEL) – Cultural Sensitivity, Health and Wellness, Resilience) - MTSD is committed to nurturing a healthy school climate and supporting student well-being through proactive programming, responsive interventions, and an inclusive curriculum. We will maintain our focus on addressing the potential risks of technology and social media, administer an annual climate survey to highlight areas of strength and growth, and intentionally recognize students who exemplify the core values we uphold.

To follow along with everything related to our strategic planning process, please visit **https://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/parents/strategic-plan**.

2025-2026 District Calendar

The **2025-2026 District Calendar** was board approved on December 17, 2024. Please note that if the calendar is adjusted throughout the school year due to school closings or other events, you can always view the most up-to-date version by visiting **https://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/current-calendar**.

The most up-to-date versions of our A/B and 6-Day schedules can also be viewed by visiting **https://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/ab-day-calendar** and **https://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/six-day-calendar**, respectively.

New Administrators

Over the past several months, we have introduced new administrators at both the district and school levels. Our new administrators are:

- Andrew Italiano – Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mark Accardi – Upper Middle School Principal
- Meghan Moore – Upper Middle School Vice Principal
- Jessica Glover – Village Elementary School Assistant Principal
- Danielle Puglisi – 5-8 Math and Science Supervisor
- Jessica Donnamaria – 5-8 Language Arts and Social Studies Supervisor
- Danielle Stewart – K-4 Math and Science Supervisor
- Emily Keyes – Preschool-2 Special Education Supervisor

ID Cards

Each school has **shared information and expectations** regarding student ID cards including links to request a replacement.

PaySchools

The district will continue to use PaySchools this school year. All school-related payments will be collected through PaySchools. For more information about PaySchools, including a full user guide if you've never used the program before or need a refresher, you can go to **https://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/parents/payschools**.

As a reminder, any lunch account that falls below a -$10.00 balance will prohibit a student from purchasing lunch. Please check your PaySchools account before the start of school to avoid any interruption.

Attendance and HIB Policies

It is always encouraged for all members of our school district community to familiarize themselves with our **attendance policy** and **Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) policy**. On our district website, we also have sections with more information and resources about **student attendance** and **HIB**.

New Website and New Digital Sign

You may have noticed that our district and school websites have been upgraded with a fresh new look and improved browsing experience. If you have any feedback or questions about the new website, we have created a **Google Form** that can be filled out. Continuous updates to the sites will be made throughout the year.

Towards the end of the 2024-25 school year, we also installed a new digital sign on the lawn in front of the high school. If you drive past the sign, you'll see that we now have the ability to create messages in color!

Maschio's Food Services

Maschio's will continue to be our Food Services provider. You can view price lists, menus, and more by visiting **https://maschiofood.com/montgomery/**.

I will be providing updates to the community during the school year. I hope you all enjoy the final few days of summer break!

Sincerely,

Mary E. McLoughlin | Superintendent of Schools