NEWS FROM THE BOE

Monday, September 29, 2025

The Morris School District Board of Education held a meeting on Monday, September 29th at the Morristown High School Learning Commons. It was a busy evening filled with presentations and special honors.

Sussex Avenue Elementary Custodial Team wins the Cleanest School Award



The first honor of the night was to recognize the Sussex Avenue Elementary Custodial staff for their hard work and dedication. Director of Facilities, Mr. Glenn Miller presented the team with an award for earning the Cleanest School.

To celebrate the summer efforts at each building, Mr. Miller launched this competition and custodial school teams across the district embraced the challenge. A team of district members served as judges and had a criteria to base their selected winners on. Congratulations to the Sussex Avenue School for a job well done and for being the selected winners of the competition.

The BOE Honored the Life and Legacy of Mr. Christopher Martin

The Board of Education also honored Christopher Lawrence Donovan Martin for his lifetime of service to education, civil rights, housing equity, and community development. Mr. Martin recently passed away at the age of 87 and the Board of Education extended its deepest condolences to his family and honored his legacy with a resolution reading. The resolution was included in the official minutes, shared with his family, and shared with district schools as a testament to his enduring legacy. The full resolution can be read in the BOE minutes for this meeting.

Mr. Martin's involvement in education began in 1967 when he became one of the first African American members elected to the Morristown Board of Aldermen. During the two terms he served, he helped stop a plan to demolish homes on Franklin and South Streets and challenged the construction of Route 287. He later organized the relocation of homes to the area known today as Historic Speedwell.



In 1973, Mr. Martin was instrumental in organizing student busing following the merger of Morristown and Morris Township school systems. His official service to education began with his tenure on the Morristown Board of Education, serving from 1978 to 1982. During this time, he contributed his engineering expertise to the high school redevelopment project. Mr. Martin served again from 1987 to 1990 and during this term he served as Vice President and then as President of the Board.

In addition to Mr. Martin's service to education he also served on numerous other boards and commissions. He was remembered by the community as an outstanding public leader and was referred to as a "Morristown Champion". Mr. Martin was furthermore commended by local leaders for breaking down barriers and ensuring fair representation for the Black community.

The Board expressed appreciation for Mr. Martin's leadership during pivotal moments of school redevelopment, desegregation, and district consolidation as well as his contributions and positive representation of the Morristown community. The Board was also joined by Mayor Jason Karr of Morris Plains and Mayor Donna J. Guariglia of Morris Township.

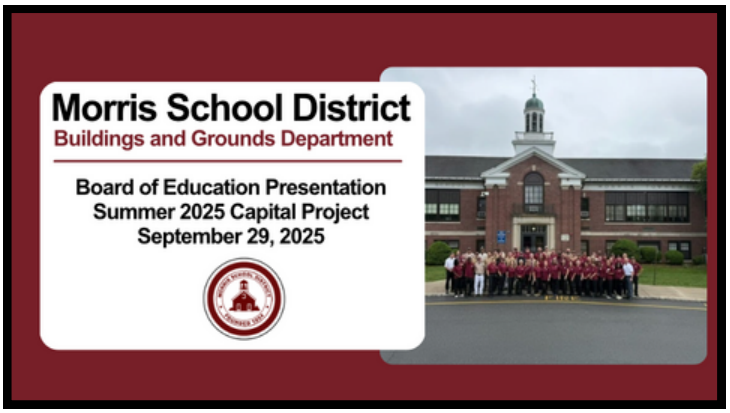






SUMMER 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Presented By: Mr. Glenn Miller
Director of Facilities



Mr. Miller shared an extensive presentation that showcased all the improvement work completed throughout the district during the summer months. The presentation included an overview of the improvements done at each building and included images that highlighted each stage of the projects. The full presentation can be viewed by clicking on the presentation image.

PREPARING FOR THE REFERENDUM

Presented By: Laura Bishop Communications Firm

While the Summer 2025 Capital Improvement Project Presentation showcased an extensive amount of work completed this summer, there is still a significant amount of improvements that need to be made throughout the district. The Board of Education has been working with the Laura Bishop Communications Firm to assist with preparation for the Referendum.

The Laura Bishop Communications firm presented on the support and services they will provide throughout the entire Referendum process. In preparation for the Referendum, we have begun gathering feedback on building facilities. We conducted a survey and will be holding hybrid Public Input Sessions to open the lines of dialogue with the community in regards to our building facilities. Detailed information can be found on the **Public Input Session Flyer.** Up to date information about the upcoming Referendum project can be found on the **Morris Future website**.

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