



BOARDROOM

Highlights of Monthly Board of Education Meeting

February 2026

Superintendent's Report

- ★ At Monday's Meeting the Board recognized a very unique group of students. They have earned perfect scores on the PSAT and SAT, and/or have been named by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The enrollment figures as of February 11, 2026 are as follows:

	<i>Morris Hills</i>	<i>Morris Knolls</i>	
Grade 9	284	368	652
Grade 10	331	343	674
Grade 11	239	389	628
Grade 12	283	349	632
Adult HS	--	157	157
Adult ASAP HS	--	15	8
AMSE	179	--	179
APA	--	137	137
SE Self- Contained	--	47	47
TOTAL	1316	1805	3114

Mr. Nicholas J. Norcia
Superintendent

➤ Authorized Ratification of the following Field Trips

Name / School	Dept./ Trip #	Location / Date
Jodie Adessa / MK Parent Chaperone	APA AT-07911	Allendale, NJ ~~1/25/2026~~ CHANGED TO: 2/1/2026
Bryan Gallagher / MK Anthony Vasile / MK Christopher Cervona / MK Joseph Kelly / MK ADDED: BRUCE CAMPBELL / MH MARK DIGENNARO, SR. / MH	Varsity Football AT-08061 (MK) ADDED: AT-08482 (MH)	East Rutherford, NJ 2/13/2026

➤ Authorized approval of the following Field Trips:

➤ Authorized approval of the following Staff Conferences:

Name / School	Location / Date	Conference
Brenda Gupta / MH Alyssa Radigan / MK Neil Charles / Dist. Nisha Zoeller / Dist.	Park Ridge, NJ 2/24/2026	NJDOE: NJGPA -- Adaptive, NJSLA - Adaptive, and NJSLA - Science Training
Jihanne Radzieski / MH Meghan Burgin / MH	Newark, NJ 2/25/2026	NJIT: Teacher Prep for College Access - Dual Enrollment PD Session
Tanya Stevenson / MK	New York, NY 2/26/2026 & 2/27/2026	NECTFL: Northeast Conference for Teachers, for Languages, and for Cultures
Jenna Miller / MH	Online 3/3/2026 - 3/5/2026	Teen Mental Health First Aid - Instructor Training
Laura Foley / MK	Online 3/12/2026, 3/19/2026, 3/26/2026 4/16/2026 4/23/2026 4/30/2026 5/7/2026	NJDOE: New Jersey Student Learning Standards Committee
Lauren Sherburne / MH Jenny Malin / MK Lori Vertucci / MK	Online 3/12/2026 - 4/23/2026	Harvard Graduate School of Education: Leading Teacher Teams: Promoting Growth Through Effective Collaboration - Asynchronous
Debbian Simpson / MK	Mahwah, NJ 3/16/2026	NJCEC 2026 Spring Conference: Empower, Engage, Elevate: Unlocking Student Potential Together
Tanya Stevenson / MK Amanda Sachenski / MK Ana Oliva / MK	New Brunswick, NJ 3/18/2026	FLENJ Annual Conference 2026
Rae Ann Wallace / Dist.	Atlantic City, NJ 3/25/2026 - 3/27/2026	2026 STS of NJ Pupil Transportation Conference
Joy Mazur / MK	Online 3/26/2026	TEEM Virtual Professional Learning Day
Kelly Burrows / MK	East Brunswick, NJ 3/28/2026	Northeastern University: NJ School Nurses at the Heart of Student Success
Lauren Jackson / MH Mark DiGennaro, Jr. / MH	Denville, NJ 4/7/2026	Morris County Work Based Learning/Work Study Roundtable
John Romano / MH	New Brunswick, NJ 5/20/2026	NJTESOL Conference 2026 - Presenter
John Hrynyk / MK	Online 6/2/2026 - 6/8/2026	College Board: AP Psychology Reader
Kevin Kane / MK	Online 6/3/2026 - 6/9/2026	College Board: AP US Government Reader
Kathryn Cullen / MK	Newark, NJ	Crisis Prevention Institute:

Name / School	Location / Date	Conference
	6/11/2026	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention

- Authorized approval to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$250.00 from the Rotary Club of Denville to the APA Choir Program.
- Authorized accepting, with regret, the resignation of the following personnel for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Date
Morgan, Erin	Assistant Principal	MK	8/31/2026
Feakins, Bruce	Teacher of Technology	MH	10/31/2026

- Authorized accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Date
Saba, Albeira	Custodian-2nd Shift	MH	1/30/2026
Beach, Michael	Assistant Football Coach	MK	2/23/2026

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the following leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Cullen Kathryn	Teacher of Special Education	MK	2/17/26-6/30/26
Curcio, Jolyn	Teacher of Special Education	MK	8/26/24-8/24/26
Opalewski, Carla	Special Education Staff Assistant	MK	1/27/26-4/22/26
Melnyczuk, Jessica	Teacher of Mathematics	MH	10/3/25-8/24/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the change to the appointment of staff and payment of stipend for the following 1/6 positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Fisher, Maryanne	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 2/17/26-6/30/26 To: 2/9/26-5/29/26
Lestrangle, Kelly	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 2/17/26-6/30/26 To: 2/9/26-5/29/26
Vasile, Anthony	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 2/17/26-6/30/26 To: 2/9/26-5/29/26
Giorgianni, Gina	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 2/17/26-6/30/26 To: 2/9/26-5/29/26
Fasano, Stephanie	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 2/17/26-6/30/26 To: 2/9/26-5/29/26
Kaufman, Reid	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 2/17/26-6/30/26 To: 2/9/26-5/29/26
Sills Elizabeth	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 8/26/25-3/13/26 To: 8/26/25-6/30/26
Burlick, Diana	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 8/26/25-3/13/26 To: 8/26/25-6/30/26
Metzger, Susan	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 8/26/25-3/13/26 To: 8/26/25-6/30/26
Conti, Constance	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 8/26/25-3/13/26 To: 8/26/25-6/30/26
Falconi-Shubert, Nicole	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 8/26/25-3/13/26 To: 8/26/25-6/30/26
Manjorin, Amanda	Teacher of Special Education	MK	From: 8/26/25-3/13/26 To: 8/26/25-6/30/26
Predenkoski, Lisa	Teacher of Math	MK	From: 10/3/25-3/27/26 To: 10/3/25-6/30/26
Lubrecht, Lynn	Teacher of Math	MK	From: 10/3/25-3/27/26 To: 10/3/25-6/30/26
Hobson, Christina	Teacher of Math	MK	From: 10/3/25-3/27/26 To: 10/3/25-6/30/26
Mihalik, Ann Marie	Teacher of Math	MK	From: 10/3/25-3/27/26 To: 10/3/25-6/30/26
Plucinsky, Kyle	Teacher of Math	MK	From: 10/3/25-3/27/26 To: 10/3/25-6/30/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of the following non-certified positions, subject to receipt of required documentation:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Furlong, Tierni	Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach	MK	3/16/26-6/30/26
Berkheiser, Melissa	Assistant Boys Track & Field Coach	MK	3/16/26-6/30/26
Haynes, Thomas	Assistant Baseball Coach	MH	3/16/26-6/30/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of the following Student Teacher:

Name	College	Assignment	School	Dates
Turgeon, Yves	Caldwell University	Teacher of Mathematics	Morris Hills	2/24/26 - 6/12/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of the following Substitute employees:

Name	Substitute Position	Period	Certificate
Grove, Karen	Substitute Teacher	2/24/26-6/30/26	Teacher Certificate
Treier, Daniel	Substitute Teacher	2/24/26-6/30/26	County Certificate
Colasurdo, Michael	Substitute Teacher	2/24/26-6/30/26	County Certificate

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of staff and rate of pay for the following positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Period (all dates are on or about)	Add'l Info.
Olson, Heather	Homebound Instructor	Dist.	2/1/26 - 6/30/26	As needed
Russo, Shari	Homebound Instructor	Dist.	2/1/26 - 6/30/26	As needed
Pino, Samantha	Homebound Instructor	Dist.	2/1/26 - 6/30/26	As needed
Jackson, Lauren	Homebound Instructor	Dist.	2/1/26 - 6/30/26	As needed
Schweizer, Shannon	Avid Interviews - Check-In	MH	From: 2/12/26 To: 2/11/26 & 2/12/26	As needed
Uhler, Michelle	Pit Musician	MH	3/2/26 - 3/7/26 (2 sessions on 3/7/26)	7 sessions max.
Hartsuiker, Richard	Pit Musician	MK	3/7/26 - 3/14/26 (2 session on 3/14/26)	7 sessions max.
Schwartz, Daniel	Pit Musician	MK	3/7/26 - 3/14/26 (2 session on 3/14/26)	7 sessions max.
Izsa, Brett	Pit Musician	MK	3/7/26 - 3/14/26 (2 session on 3/14/26)	7 sessions max.
Uhler, Michelle	Pit Musician	MK	3/7/26 - 3/14/26 (2 session on 3/14/26)	7 sessions max.

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of a volunteer advisor as follows:

Name	Position	School
Murphy, Jeanine	Volunteer Spring Musical Advisor	Morris Hills
DeLoreto, Morgan	Volunteer Softball Coach	Morris Knolls
Curcio, Jolyn	Volunteer Softball Coach	Morris Knolls
File, David	Volunteer Spring Track & Field Coach	Morris Knolls

- Authorized for the first reading the following Policies and Regulations:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Policy 1552	Sexual Harassment - Staff	New
b. Regulation 1552	Sexual Harassment - Staff	New

- Authorized for the second reading the following Bylaw:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Bylaw 0142.2	Nepotism	Revised

- Authorized the first reading of the abolishment of the following Policies:

Number	Title	Action
a. Policy 3362	Sexual Harassment - Teaching Staff Members	Abolish
b. Policy 4352	Sexual Harassment - Support Staff	Abolish