



BOARDROOM

Highlights of Monthly Board of Education Meeting

April 2026

- ★ A revision to the 2025-2026 District Calendar was made to give back 2 unused emergency closing days on May 22, 2026 and May 26, 2026

The enrollment figures as of March 16, 2026 are as follows:

	<i>Morris Hills</i>	<i>Morris Knolls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grade 9	281	370	651
Grade 10	331	342	673
Grade 11	234	390	624
Grade 12	283	349	632
Adult HS	--	162	162
Adult ASAP HS	--	28	8
AMSE	179	--	179
APA	--	137	137
SE Self- Contained	--	47	47
TOTAL	1308	1825	3113

Mr. Nicholas J. Norcia
Superintendent

➤ Authorized the approval of the following Field Trips:

Name / School	Dept./ Trip #	Location / Date
Rachel Gallo / MK Sandra Ostrowski / MK	National Art Honor Society	Wharton, NJ 4/28/2026
Nicholas Livigne / MH ~~Lewis Gabriele / MH~~ Jenna Miller / MH CHANGED TO: SAMORA BRICE	Gifted & Talented / Art AT-08112	New York, NY 4/29/2026
Emma Evans / MK Jenna Miller / MH	Gifted & Talented AT-08903	Denville, NJ 4/30/2026
Sean Trisler / MH 1 parent chaperone	Technology AT-08904	Ewing, NJ 5/2/2026
Stephanie Fasano / MK 10 Staff Assistants / MK Nurse	Special Education AT-08883	Rockaway, NJ 5/6/2026
Christopher Carrano / MK Stephanie Fasano / MK Anthony Vasile / MK 15 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-08884	Denville, NJ 5/12/2026
Christopher Carrano / MK Stephanie Fasano / MK Anthony Vasile / MK 15 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-08885	Rockaway, NJ 5/14/2026
Christopher Carrano / MK 6 Staff Assistants / MK Nurse	Special Education AT-08886	Rockaway, NJ 5/27/2026
Heather Olson / MK Anthony Vasile / MK Kelly Lestrangle / MK 13 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-08216	West Orange, NJ 5/8/2026 RAIN DATE CHANGED TO: 5/28/2026
~~Mary Kelson / MK~~ Stephan Zdanowicz / MK CHANGED TO: BRYAN GALLAGHER / MK	Varsity Club AT-08382	Rockaway & Denville, NJ 5/29/2026
Caryn Graf / MH Eleta Milovic / MH	School Counseling	Aston, PA 6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026

➤ Authorized the approval of the following Staff Conferences:

Name / School	Location / Date	Conference
Kevin Doyle / Dist.	Princeton, NJ 5/1/2026	NJSELA Spring Roundtable
Jaclyn Weisz / MH	West Orange, NJ 5/8/2026	Rutgers University & Turtle Back Zoo: Climate Change & Data Literacy
Bryant Wanamaker / MH Brian Bollette / MH	Princeton, NJ 5/8/2026	NJSIAA: Coaches' Clinic - High School Wrestling
Sonya Boyer / Dist.	Online 5/12/2026	NJPSA/FEA: Hot Issues in School Law
Kristen Markowski / MK	Mountain Lakes, NJ 6/2/2026	North Jersey School Music Association PD Day
Jennifer Volz / MK	Online 6/3/2026 - 6/9/2026	College Board: AP Reader for Computer Science A
Constance Conti /MK	Online 6/4/2026	Learning Ally: Spotlight on Dyslexia
Keriann Zadlock / MH Rebecca Jacobson / MH	Online 6/12/2026 - 6/18/2026	College Board: AP Reader for English Language and

Name / School	Location / Date	Conference
		Composition
Kristen Maravi / MH	Online 6/15/2026 - 6/18/2026	AP Summer Institute: French Language Exam
Jaclyn Weisz / MH Nicholas DiPaolo / MK	Online 6/24/2026 - 6/25/2026	AVID Virtual Live
Maria Dalton / MH	Online 6/29/2026 - 7/2/2026	AP Summer Institute: AP Spanish Language and Culture

- Authorized the approval of a revision to the 2025-2026 District Calendar, as submitted.
- Authorized the approval of the following prizes donated to the Morris Knolls High School Science Department by Samsung, awarded as a result of students winning a Samsung-sponsored competition: an 86" Samsung Interactive Display WAF Series (approximate value \$3,550.00); a Tab S10+ 256GB in Platinum Silver (approximate value \$1,099.99); and a Freestyle 2nd Gen with Gaming Hub (approximate value \$799.99).

- Authorized accepting, with regret, the resignation of the following personnel for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Date
Dzikowski, Stephanie	Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant	SS-ROCK	6/30/2026
Suarez, Gustavo	Custodian	MH	6/30/2026

- Authorized accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Date
Ho, John	Chief Medical Examiner	MH	6/30/2026
Jacobson, Rebecca	Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach	MH	4/27/2026
Dul, Keith	Head Girls Soccer Coach	MH	6/16/2026
Bogart, Lauren	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	MH	6/16/2026
Eaton, Benjamin	Assistant Football Coach	MK	4/27/2026
Platt, Marcus	Portable Sound Advisor (.5 position)	MH	3/31/2026

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 and/or 2026-2027 school years the following leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)			
			Sick and/ or Personal	FMLA / NJFLA	Unpaid	Return to Work
Muhammad, Veronica	Bus Driver Full-Run	Dist.			4/6/26 - 4/17/26	4/20/26
Tallaksen, Dawn	Special Education Staff Assistant	MK		FMLA only 3/18/26-4/6/26		4/7/26
Reina, Claudia	Custodian	MK		FMLA only From: 2/20/26-4/1/26 To: 2/23/26-3/18/26		3/19/26
Opalewski, Carla	Special Education Staff Assistant	MK	3/23/26-3/27/26	FMLA only From: 3/9/26-4/21/26 To: 3/9/26-3/20/26		4/6/26
Godleski, Dale	Teacher of Family & Consumer Sciences	MH	From: 4/27/26-5/19/26 To: 4/22/26-5/14/26	FMLA From: 5/20/26-10/16/26 To: 5/15/26-10/13/26 NJFLA From: 8/24/26-11/13/26 To: 10/14/26-11/13/26		11/16/26
Sachenski, Amanda	Teacher of Spanish	MK	8/24/26 - 8/28/26	8/31/26 - 11/20/26	11/23/26 - 12/15/26	12/16/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the new and/or revised appointments of staff and payment of stipend for the following 1/6 positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Sabo, Melissa	Teacher of Family and Cons. Sciences (two 1/6 positions)	MH	4/22/26-6/30/26
Maclay, Andrew	Teacher of Special Education	MH	4/7/26-5/19/26
Pivko, Seana	Teacher of Special Education	MH	4/7/26-5/19/26
Penza, Nicole	Teacher of Special Education	MH	4/7/26-5/19/26
Hudak, Catherine	Teacher of Special Education	MH	4/7/26-5/19/26
Schoeps, Todd	Teacher of Special Education	MH	4/7/26-5/19/26
Metzger, Susan	Teacher of Special Education	MH	4/7/26-5/19/26
Olson, Heather	Teacher of Special Education	MK	4/7/26-5/19/26

- Authorized for the 2026-2027 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of the following certified positions, subject to receipt of required documentation:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
McGovern, Daniel	Teacher of Science	MH	8/24/26-6/30/27

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the change of assignment and payment of salary of the following non-certified position:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Alvarez, Monica	From: Bus Driver Full Run To: Van Driver Full Run	No Change	4/1/26 - 6/30/26

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

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Plumb, Robert	Girls Assistant Track & Field Coach	MK	3/16/26 - 6/30/26

- Authorized for the 2026-2027 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)
Thomas, Charles	Assistant Football Coach	MK	9/1/26-11/30/26
Gamido, Cydney	Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach	MH	9/1/26-11/30/26

- Authorized for the Summer of 2026, the appointment of staff and payment of salary for the following positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Quinones, Jacqueline	Extended School Year Teacher	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Kelly, Matthew	Extended School Year Teacher	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Metzger, Susan	Extended School Year Teacher	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Vasile, Anthony	Extended School Year Teacher	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Cervona, Christopher	Extended School Year Teacher	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Di Paolo, Nicholas	Extended School Year Teacher	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Cortes, Adrian	Extended School Year Teacher	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Conti, Constance	Extended School Year Reading Specialist	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Clancy, Armi	Extended School Year Sch. Psychologist/Social Worker	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
McNally, Debra	Extended School Year Sch. Psychologist/Social Worker	MK	7/20/26 - 7/24/26
Ossa, Jovanna	Extended School Year Sch. Psychologist/Social Worker	MK	7/27/26 - 7/31/26
Behrens, Kathleen	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Bevacqua, Jason	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Catlow, Theresa	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Gutheil, Nicholas	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Harris, Andrea	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Lynch, Christeen	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Marcantonio, Samantha	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Mulligan, Tara	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Ramnarine, Camani	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Scholz, Anthony	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Sheridan, Erin	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Simone, Kristen	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Stirrat, Susan	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Tallaksen, Dawn	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Tepper, Alexandra	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Escobar, Alina	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Mesa, Nicholas	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Tummey, Kathleen	Extended School Year Staff Assistant	MK	7/6/26 - 7/31/26
Giovine, Robert	Summer Accelerated, SAT Prep Lang. Arts (2 Sessions)	MK	6/29-7/15/26 (Session 1) 7/16-7/31/26 (Session 2)
Skutnik, Amy	Summer Accelerated, SAT Prep Math (2 Sessions)	MK	6/29-7/15/26 (Session 1) 7/16-7/31/26 (Session 2)
Moore, Robert	Summer Accelerated, Personal Finance (2 Sessions)	MK	6/29-7/15/26 (Session 1) 7/16-7/31/26 (Session 2)
Diamond, Kristi	Summer Accelerated, Algebra 1	MK	6/29/26 - 7/31/26
Mihalik, AnnMarie	Summer Accelerated, Algebra 1	MK	6/29/26 - 7/31/26
Roman, Ciana	Summer Enrichment Robotics	MK	7/20/26 - 7/24/26
Kasper, Keith	Summer Enrichment, Film Making	MK	7/20/26 - 7/24/26
Fundora, Marty	Summer Enrichment, Aviation	MK	7/20/26 - 7/24/26
McGhee, Samara	Academy Summer Program-Humanities (Social Studies)	MH	7/13/26-7/17/26 or 7/20/26-7/24/26
Pivko, Seana	Academy Summer Program-Math Analysis 1	MH	7/13/26-7/17/26 or 7/20/26-7/24/26
Fundora, Martha	Academy Summer Program-Physics	MH	7/13/26-7/17/26 or 7/20/26-7/24/26
Miraldi, Mary	Academy Summer Program-CAD/Technology	MH	7/13/26-7/17/26 or 7/20/26-7/24/26
Jacobson, Rebecca	Academy Summer Program-Humanities (ELA)	MH	7/13/26-7/17/26 or 7/20/26-7/24/26

➤ Authorized for the 2026-2027 school year the appointment of the following Internship:

Name	College	Assignment	School	Dates
Mesa, Nicholas	Wm. Paterson University	School Assistant Counselor	Morris Hills	2026-2027 School Year

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

Name	Substitute Position	Period	Certificate
Harrigan, William	Substitute Teacher	3/23/26-6/30/26	Teacher Certificate
Cassidy, Brian	Long Term Substitute Teacher	4/28/26-6/15/26	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 <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>	Add'l Info.
Rama, Victoria	SAT Bootcamp- Math	MK	4/30/26	1 day
Merle, Elissa	PM AP Exam Proctor	MK	5/4/26 - 5/28/26	As needed
Weissensee, Monika	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed

- Authorized for the Summer of 2026 the appointment of staff and rate of pay for the following positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Period <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>	Add'l Info.
Auer, Kimberly	Summer Nurse	Dist.	6/17/26 - 8/21/26	As needed
Leonard, Catherine	Summer Nurse	Dist.	6/17/26 - 8/21/26	As needed
Burrows, Kelly	Summer Nurse	Dist.	6/17/26 - 8/21/26	As needed
Monsko, Tracey	Summer Nurse	Dist.	6/17/26 - 8/21/26	As needed
Auer, Kimberly	Extended School Year Nurse	Dist.	7/6/26 - 7/31/26	4.5 hrs/day, as needed
Leonard, Catherine	Extended School Year Nurse	Dist.	7/6/26 - 7/31/26	4.5 hrs/day, as needed
Burrows, Kelly	Extended School Year Nurse	Dist.	7/6/26 - 7/31/26	4.5 hrs/day, as needed
Monsko, Tracey	Extended School Year Nurse	Dist.	7/6/26 - 7/31/26	4.5 hrs/day, as needed
Ramos, Jennifer	ESL Freshmen Orientation	MH	8/29/26	1 day
Lestrangle, Kelly	Summer SLE Spec. Educ. Coordinator	Dist.	Summer 2026	Up to 15 hours
Jackson, Lauren	Summer SLE Coordinator	MH	Summer 2026	Up to 76 hours
Salisbury, Angela	Summer SLE Coordinator	MK	Summer 2026	Up to 76 hours
Miraldi, John	Summer SLE Coordinator	Dist.	Summer 2026	Up to 16 hours
DiGennaro, Mark	Summer SLE Coordinator	MH.	Summer 2026	Up to 38 hours
Diaz, Andres	Summer Writing Camp, Session 1	MK	7/7/26 - 7/9/26	3 days/4 hrs. day
Giovine, Robert	Summer Writing Camp, Session 2	MH	8/4/26 - 8/6/26	3 days/4 hrs. day
Skulnik, Kristine	PT Secretary Summer Work	MK	6/17/26 - 8/31/26	Up to 75 hours
Adessa, Jodie	APA Student Wksh. Belt It Out	MK	8/20/26	7:45-9:15 am 1.5 hours
Dunn, Lindsay	APA Student Wksh. Mock Audition Workshop	MK	8/20/26	7:45-9:15 am 1.5 hours
Izsa, Brett	APA Student Wksh. Mock Audition Workshop	MK	8/20/26	7:45-9:15 am 1.5 hours
Fahrer, Harold	APA Student Wksh. Audition Studio	MK	8/20/26	9:30-11:00 am 1.5 hours
Izsa, Brett	APA Student Wksh. Audition Studio	MK	8/20/26	9:30-11:00 am 1.5 hours
Adessa, Jodi	APA Student Wksh. Intro. To Musical Theatre	MK	8/20/26	9:30-11:00 am 1.5 hours
Dunn, Lindsay	APA Student Wksh. Intro. To Musical Theatre	MK	8/20/26	9:30-11:00 am 1.5 hours

- Authorized for the first reading the following Policy:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Policy 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator	Revised