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Dear Morgan Local Families,

I hope you and your family are having a wonderful summer. As we continue preparing for the 2026–2027 school year, I want to share an important update regarding student school day hours across Morgan Local Schools.

Over the past several months, we have spent a great deal of time reviewing our daily schedules and identifying ways to make the most of the time we have with our students each day. Throughout this process, district leadership has worked closely with building administrators and staff to develop schedules that better support student learning while also meeting the operational needs of our district.

I also want to apologize for the delay in getting this information to our families. There have been many moving parts to work through, and we wanted to make sure we had a schedule that could work effectively across the entire district before sharing final information. In particular, our transportation team has worked extremely hard to coordinate bus routes and timing so these changes can be implemented as smoothly as possible for our students and families. I am very appreciative of their efforts and grateful for the patience and understanding of our families as we worked through these important details.

Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, the following student hours will be in place:

- Morgan East, Morgan West, and Morgan South Elementary Schools: 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Morgan Middle School and Morgan High School: 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

One of the most important reasons for these changes is student learning. By adding 15 minutes to the school day, along with adjustments being made to the individual daily schedules within each of our buildings, we believe we can significantly increase and maximize meaningful instructional time for our students. These changes will allow us to be more intentional with the time available during the school day and better support the academic needs of all students.

We understand that changes to school hours can require adjustments for families, and we do not take that lightly. Our goal throughout this entire process has been to create a daily schedule that works for our students, supports our staff, allows our transportation system to operate effectively, and, most importantly, provides our students with as much quality instructional time as possible.

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Additional information will be shared with families and the community in the coming days, and we will continue providing reminders and updates as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

We truly appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued support of Morgan Local Schools. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to welcoming our students back this fall.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. At Morgan Local Schools, we remain Proud of our Past and Focused on our Future.

Have a great rest of your summer, and we will see you soon.

Sincerely,

Greg Gifford

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