

Mountain Lakes School District

Superintendent &
Assistant Superintendent
Update

Monday, August 17, 2026



Administrative Retreat Day 1:

Do What Matters Most

- Becoming Your Best - Global Leadership - Leadership Training Company
 - Jeanene Dutt, Ed.D., Retired Superintendent, Consultant
- **Do What Matters Most matrix**

- Increase productivity
- Perform at higher level
- Prioritize what matters
 - Individually
 - As a team
 - As an organization



		URGENT	NOT URGENT
IMPORTANT	Q1	DO IT! High stress, high-priority EXAMPLES Crisis, emergency meetings, client concerns, pressing problems, deadlines, fires, emergencies	Q2 FOCUS Low stress, high-priority EXAMPLES Roles and goals, schedule priorities, plan, prepare, exercise, relationship building, strategy, development, pre-week planning
	NOT IMPORTANT	Q3 MANAGE Urgent, not important EXAMPLES Some email or mail, unnecessary meetings or reports, interruptions, unannounced calls or visits	Q4 ELIMINATE Not urgent, not important EXAMPLES Some TV, surfing the internet, wasted time, mindless activities

Administrative Retreat Day 1:

Do What Matters Most

- 3 high-performance habits to do what matters most - personally and professionally
 - **Habit #1: Develop a Written Personal Vision**
 - For each of our roles in life that matter most
 - **Habit #2: Set SMART annual goals for each role**
 - Align to the vision
 - **Habit #3: Pre-Week Planning**
 - Helps us to focus on Q2 activities to accomplish goals



Administrative Team Continued PD: *Do What Matters Most*

- What's next?
 - Developing transformational teams
 - Working together to accomplish shared vision, goals, strategic planning, accountability

Administrative Retreat: Common Circles



A **two-part**, customized, interactive, interdisciplinary educational exhibition — designed for traveling or permanent installation — that transforms any school, town, or community space into a world-class, museum-quality experience.

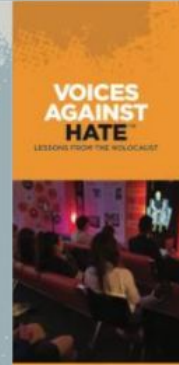
Designed to build communities of belonging where every individual feels seen, heard, and valued — while helping us better understand ourselves and one another, and recognize our shared humanity.



Common Circles: Administrative Retreat

PART 1

PART 2



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Mountain Lakes & Artificial Intelligence

AI & Student Digital Citizenship – Teaching students to use AI responsibly, ethically, and transparently.

AI, Academic Integrity & Assessment – Rethinking plagiarism, original thinking, and authentic evidence of learning.

AI & SEL – The opportunities and risks of students turning to AI for companionship, advice, or emotional support.

AI for School Leadership – Using AI for communication, strategic planning, policy development, and organizational efficiency.

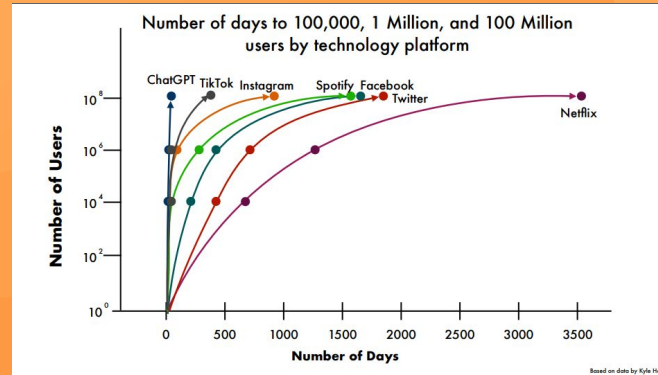
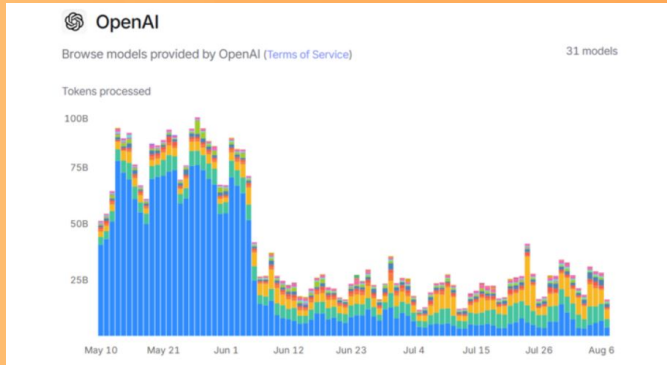
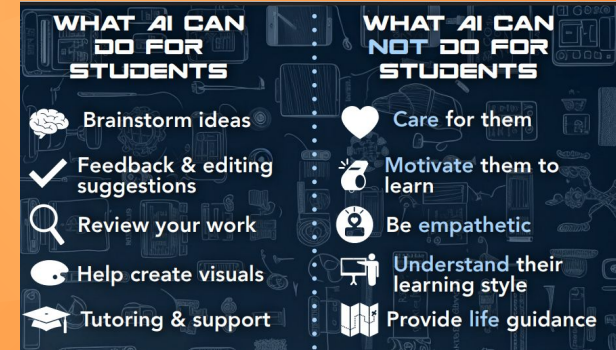
AI Accessibility & Inclusion – Supporting multilingual learners, students with disabilities, and differentiated instruction.

The Future of AI in Education – Emerging tools, trends, and what schools should be preparing for over the next 3–5 years.

Building AI-Ready Learners – Helping students develop AI literacy, critical thinking, verification skills, and effective prompting.

AI in Creative Disciplines – Music, art, design, media, and the evolving role of creativity in an AI-enhanced world.

Privacy, Bias & Data Security – What every educator should understand before adopting AI tools.



Mountain Lakes AI Forward: Teaching & Learning Summit

- **August 25th** Staff In-Service
 - Featured Keynote:
 - Myron Dueck
 - Invited guests
- **Edcamp PD** sessions
 - Teacher-led
 - Other district admin guest sessions



ML Mountain Lakes School District

**MOUNTAIN LAKES
AI FORWARD
TEACHING &
LEARNING SUMMIT**

Featured Keynote

The day begins with keynote speaker **Myron Dueck**, followed by educator-led breakout sessions showcasing practical, innovative, and forward-thinking applications of AI in teaching, learning, and leadership.

Where & When

Mountain Lakes High School
96 Powerville Road, Mountain Lakes, NJ
August 25, 2026
8:30 - 2:30

RSVP Now

Superintendent - District Communication Updates

District Communication Guidelines

Lakers on the Line (Superintendent Podcast)

District Telephone Installation Project

Security and Operational Facilities Projects: Lake Drive Vestibule, Briarcliff Office Relocation, and Wildwood Office Relocation

MLHS Library-Media Center Redesign Exploration

QSAC (NJDOE Monitoring and Evaluation)



Thank You!

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