

Mountain Lakes School District

Superintendent &
Assistant Superintendent
Update

Monday, September 14, 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.

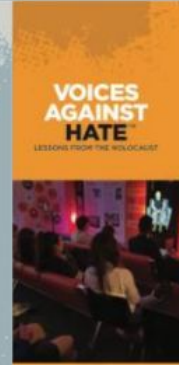
Designed to build communities of belonging where every individual feels seen, heard, and valued — while helping us better understand ourselves and one another, and recognize our shared humanity.



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.

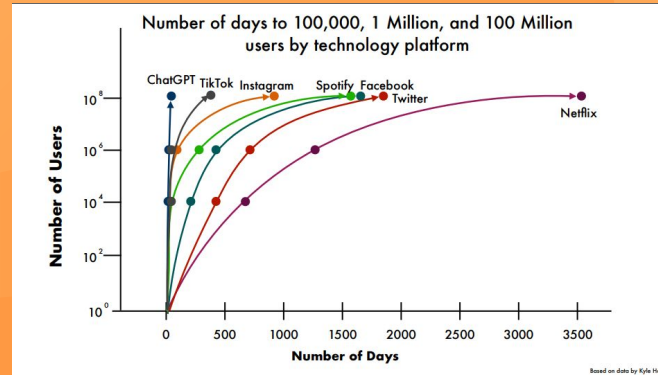
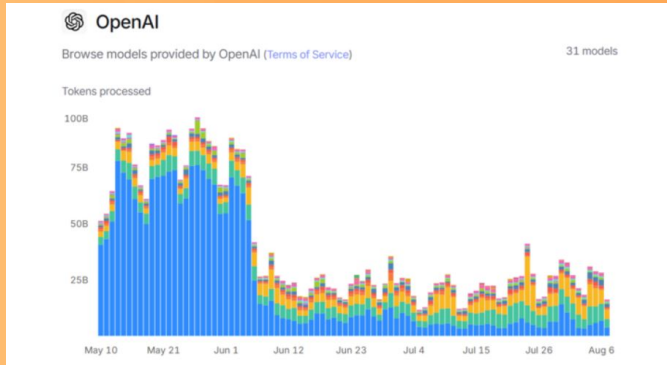
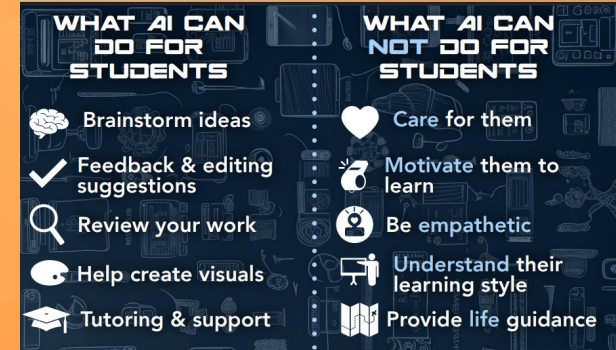
AI Accessibility & Inclusion – Supporting multilingual learners, students with disabilities, and differentiated instruction.

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



Special Guests: BOE Members, School District Leaders, NJDOE County Ed. Specialist



Staff-Led Sessions

- **AI for Paraprofessionals:** Supporting Students in an AI World
- **Beyond the Silo:** Crafting Dynamic, Interdisciplinary Classrooms with AI
- **Connection, Care, and Code:** Navigating the Ethics of AI Companionship in Schools
- **Diving Deep into Learning:** Real-Time Feedback with Snorkl
- **Leveraging AI for Teacher Clarity:** Crafting Clear Learning Targets & Success Criteria
- **Take Back Your Time:** Using AI as Your Personal Teaching Assistant
- **Teaching First, AI Second:** Practical Strategies for Purposeful AI Integration
- **To Prompt or Not to Prompt:** Understanding the Cognitive Impacts and Appropriate Usage of AI
- **A Gem of an Idea:** Build AI Assistants w/ Gems That Work for You & Your Students
- **Rooted in Knowledge, Powered by AI:** How to Design Hybrid AI Lessons
- **The Influence of AI in 6-12 Education:** An Interdisciplinary Conversation
- **Re-assessing Assessment** in the Age of AI
- **Magic To-Do:** Breaking Things Down, So You Don't Break Down
- **Using AI** to Develop Intellectual Humility and Critical Thinking Skills
- **AI Made Easy:** Getting AI to Work for You

Staff Survey Feedback

- Keynote:
 - Valuable 4.5
 - Meaningful foundation 4.5
- Breakout Sessions 4.4

“Myron was one of, if not the best, keynote speaker I have enjoyed in my 3+ decades of tenure in ML.”

“I appreciated the professional organization and presentation of the opening day activities! I believe this has been the best opening since I started working in district.”

“I was very happy that there was a class devoted to how a paraprofessional can use AI and what to look out for. I found the first session VERY helpful.”

“This was my best opening PD yet in Mountain Lakes. Thank you!”

“Loved the days! They were some of the best professional Development Days we have had! Thank you.”

Thank You!

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