

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

August 2026| Morton East High School



August is here and Morton East is ready for staff and students!!! Our administrative team has been hired and we are now full staffed ready to support our teachers and students for the start of the school year. The administrative retreat focused on alignment of our new focus of Literacy and numeracy.

Summer Construction

Summer construction is well on its way at the East Campus. ‘

- Highlighting this summers work includes 4 classroom that will have all new floors, walls, lighting, and air-conditioning.
- The hallway outside the main entrance received a makeover with new flooring.
- The gym floor will receive a whole new look of Morton Pride ready to support Morton Athletics.



Sophomore Orientation



Every Tuesday throughout the summer Sophomores and their families take part of a special presentation and a take a tour of the building. Our building administration, Parent Liaison and NHS help share the information for future success as a sophomore and beyond.



New Teacher Orientation

New staff were introduced to the building and the Cicero community that we will serve this year. We started the tour with a trip to Pink Owl for coffee and ended at Freddy's for some refreshing Italian Ice.

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AUGUST 2026 | Morton Freshman Center



Welcome to the Morton FC!

As we prepare to welcome students for the new school year, our staff has been working diligently to complete the updates at the Freshman Center for a successful start.



New Staff

We welcomed our new staff to FC. They learned about our expectations and support systems. We had them tour the building and be part of community tour which ended with a visit to Freddy's for dessert!

Laptops & Family Connection

- As the first day of school approaches, our registration process is in its final stretch, with just 54 families remaining to complete all required registration steps.
- During registration, students picked up their district-issued laptops and attended our Next Four Years presentation. The session introduced families to high school expectations, available supports, and opportunities to get involved while helping them build connections with Freshman Center staff as they begin their high school journey.



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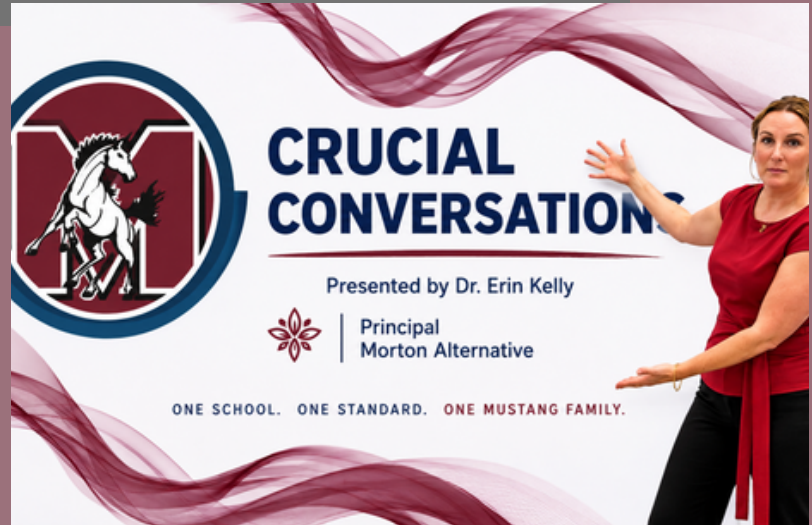
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J. S. MORTON ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201

Our Building Is Ready!

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, Morton Alternative School is ready to welcome students with a renewed focus on relationships, student achievement, and a safe learning environment. As well as new branding from our district making our building even better looking than ever!



I was very excited to present to our district administration on: Crucial Conversations. It provided them tips, tools, and tricks to use in future conversations.



Our Staff and Students will participate in our World Cup Theme and challenge their knowledge of World Cup Team Jerseys.



Parents and Students are reminded with a 1st Day checklist of Expectations for M.A.S.

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August 2026 | Technology and Trade Center

Facilities & Construction Planning

- Continued review of TTC floor plan layouts, program spaces, and equipment impacts.
- Began work connected to East Welding Lab and West renovation planning.
- Continued review of CM submissions, budget coverage, schedule impacts, and next-step construction planning.

Aviation & Specialized Programs

- Continued preliminary review of helipad feasibility for aviation-related programming.
- Began gathering technical information related to pad location, building proximity, approach/departure paths, and approval requirements.
- Continued planning for aviation, drone, robotics/automation, welding, construction, and related program areas.



- Continued development of TTC program equipment lists and infrastructure needs.
- Developed draft CTE ACT support plan with focus on applied literacy, numeracy, reasoning, and technical reading.
- Continued review of TTC program model, staffing, and instructional support needs.

Budgetary

- Explored commissioning and retro-commissioning options connected to TTC and existing facilities.
- Reviewed final CM submissions with Owner controlled insurance policy and without.

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New Teacher Institute



Throughout the day, teachers participated in team-building activities, explored the school, completed a scavenger hunt, and were taken on a community tour that encouraged them to become familiar with the building and surrounding area. The day provided an engaging introduction while helping new staff build relationships and feel connected before the start of the school year.

Summer Staff Appreciation



To recognize the hard work and dedication of our summer staff, we hosted a staff appreciation lunch where members of the administrative team grilled for the team. Throughout the summer, these employees have worked tirelessly to prepare our building for the return of students and staff. Their efforts have been instrumental in ensuring that Morton West is ready for a successful start to the school year.

The Next Four Years



Morton West Freshman Academy successfully completed its annual Next Four Years presentation series, serving more than 700 incoming freshman families. The events provided an opportunity to build strong partnerships with families and ensure students begin their high school experience informed and supported.

Band Camp 2026



Band Camp is underway this week as students prepare for an exciting 2026-2027 marching band season.