

Superintendents Report
January 14, 2025

Good evening Mr. President and members of the board.

I would like to congratulate our Boys Bowling team for their recent success. Being a guy who gets excited when I break 100 I believe what they have accomplished this year is truly amazing. I also want to recognize and congratulate our Athletic Director Mr. Woulfe and asst. Ms. Kozlowski for overseeing our Athletic and activities departments that continue to grow successful and meaningful programs for our students. You will soon be seeing Girls Bowling and Girls Wrestling as they both won their Regional Championships.

Last month I shared that I was unable to speak regarding the ongoing investigation into the shooting death of one of our students. I can now report that despite the initial erroneous reports on both social and mass media that the perpetrator in this senseless crime was a student at Morton, he in fact was not a student in any Morton school or program. We complied with request by the Cicero Police not to speak on this until he was apprehended. While we took some bad press on this for a while, we will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to keep our schools and community safe.

I would like to speak about the following agenda items that I am bringing forward tonight for your approval

Agenda Item 9.3 Listed in your board packets are the student activity and health services reports from each of the campuses along with the monthly truancy report.

Agenda Item 9.8- Principals will be reporting out briefly tonight and you can find their written reports in your board packet

Agenda item 17.1 Correspondence from Mr. Battistoni attached to your packet thanking Board for Bereavement items

For the consent agenda –

Agenda Item 11.1.1– the minutes from both the open and closed sessions of the January board meeting. Additionally, the minutes from the public hearing held on 2/3/26

Agenda Item 11.4 student discipline with the following recommendations

1	49011 8	Change of placement to an alternate educational setting. The student will be enrolled at the Morton Alternative School for the remainder of the 25-26 school year.
2	49049 9	Change of placement to an alternate educational setting. The student will be transferred to the Freshman Center for the remainder of the 25-26 school year.
3	49144 3	Change of placement to an alternate educational setting. The student will be enrolled at the Morton Alternative School for the remainder of the 25-26 school year and the entire 26-27 school year.
4	49163 4	Change of placement to an alternate educational setting. The student will be enrolled at the Morton Alternative School for the remainder of the 25-26 school year and the entire 26-27 school year.
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6	49035 3	Change of placement to an alternate educational setting. Student will be enrolled at the Morton Alternative School for the remainder of the 25-26 school year.
7	47115 5	Change of placement to an alternate educational setting. Student will be placed at the p.m. program at the Morton Alternative School.

Agenda item number 11.6 Approval of Board Travel and/or Expense Reimbursement in Accordance with Board Policy 2:125. We have none for the agenda.

For the Action Agenda

Agenda item 12.2 Approval of Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$102,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, in one or more series, of J. Sterling Morton High School District Number 201, Cook County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

Agenda Item 12.3. First and Final Reading of PRESS Plus Policy 120 as listed on the agenda with changes as reviewed and recommended.

That concludes my report.