



Morris Area Public Schools

Striving to become the finest school district in West Central Minnesota



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Morris, MN 56267



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High School: 320.589.4400
Elementary: 320.589.1250



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Superintendent School Board Report Monday, July 21, 2025

- Building Update: The project has ramped up outside since Monday, July 14. The drop off/pick up lane is being worked on, as well as, work on the new addition site. The building committee met with Bradbury Stamm and other contractors for a pre-construction meeting on July 8. The meeting was about expectations while on the site, etc.
- Groundbreaking ceremony: We had our groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, July 10. Thank you to the Stevens County Times for attending the ceremony.
- Transportation update: The transition continues with Aksamit Transportation. Items being worked on include: bus garage lease, purchase of the fleet, equipment in the garage, etc. The non-licensed negotiation team will be meeting with the drivers soon to discuss the separation agreement.
- Working school board meeting: We had a working school board meeting on Tuesday, July 15. We had a good discussion about the legislative session, budget, enrollment, culture and goal setting.
- Standing monthly committee meetings include: Policy, Finance and Facilities. You will get an update during member updates.
- Strategic Plan update:
 - Overall Goal: The school district will work to implement the vision of the Morris Area Schools and fulfill our mission of educating all students for a successful tomorrow by providing resources and support to increase student achievement and close the achievement gaps.
 - Ongoing review of needed resources/staffing levels
 - Consideration of budget as we review staffing

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- Goal 1: Maintenance and retention of all staff; recruit and train new staff
 - Ongoing mentorship
 - Review onboarding procedures
 - Monthly new teacher meetings
 - Providing competitive wages and benefits
- Goal 2: Training and awareness of mental health issues
 - Hired a student success coach
 - Consideration of space in the repurpose of the elementary to include mental health
- Goal 3: Maintain student enrollment
 - Branding Morris Area Schools
 - Create a marketing plan
 - Provide mental health supports
 - Offer a variety of educational opportunities
 - Review ways to attract enrollment
- Goal 4: Enhance awareness of and preparation for receiving an increasing population of immigrant families
 - Added a .5 cultural liaison to support the high school
 - Providing opportunities for staff to learn best practices with English as a second language learners
 - Providing an opportunity for staff to increase their Spanish language skills.
 - Speak about how diversity is a strength

As you can see from this list we are working on the strategic planning goals adopted by the school board to guide our work.

Respectfully,

Mr. Shane Monson

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