



Morris Area Public Schools

Striving to become the finest school district in West Central Minnesota



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High School: 320.589.4400
Elementary: 320.589.1250



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Superintendent School Board Report Monday, March 16, 2026

- Branding: We are working with a sign company on designs and costs for outdoor signage. We are exploring lighting options as well.
- Transportation: A copy of the report will be provided on Monday from Aksamit Transportation. Mr. Wulf and I met with Mr. Aksamit to review progress and get updates on routes, routing software, propane buses, communication, and the bus garage. It was a good conversation with another meeting planned for late May.
- Culture: I continue to recognize and acknowledge the commitment and dedication of our staff.
- Building update: Terrazzo is being poured on the second floor and will move down to the first floor when complete. Tile is being installed in the bathrooms as well.
- Enrollment: I have created some forms and continue to gather information from other districts to find out what they are using.
- Personnel committee: We met and discussed the non-renewal process for teachers and head coaches.
- Licensed negotiations: Mediation is scheduled for Monday, March 16.
- Standing monthly committee meetings include: Policy, Finance and Facilities. You will get an update during member updates.
- Strategic Plan update:

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- 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
- Goal 1: Maintenance and retention of all staff; recruit and train new staff
 - Ongoing mentorship
 - Monthly new teacher meetings
 - Providing competitive wages and benefits
- Goal 2: Training and awareness of mental health issues
 - Provide staff development about resources available
- Goal 3: Maintain student enrollment
 - Branding Morris Area Schools
 - Create a marketing plan
 - Offer a variety of educational opportunities
 - Review of open enrolled students
- Goal 4: Enhance awareness of and preparation for receiving an increasing population of immigrant families
 - 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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