

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Dr. Michael Kuzniewski**

Good evening Members of the Board, staff, students, and community.

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### **Recognitions**

I would like to begin by congratulating our **2026 Girls' Rugby Team on earning the IYRA State Championship.**

This achievement reflects not only exceptional athletic performance but also discipline, teamwork, and commitment. We are incredibly proud of these student-athletes, their coaches, and the support staff who contributed to this accomplishment for our district. I wanted to report that the graduation ceremonies were well attended and went off with only a few hiccups. The student speeches were incredible, and we had our first students ever to graduate with a dual high school and associates degree. I am also proud to announce that tonight the board will approve Dr. Jorge Sanchez as the new principal at Morton West High school. Dr Sanchez was formerly the principal at Proviso Math and Science Academy.

I would like to acknowledge the work of **Assistant Superintendent Mayra Arroyo**, whose report highlights continued progress in curriculum, instruction, and student support systems. Our district remains committed to equity, high-quality instruction, and continuous improvement. She has taken over the reins of the curriculum and instruction of the district and has already refocused the instructional leaders to very specific goals around tier one instruction and proficiency targets.

Additionally, I recognize the contributions of:

- **Chief Financial Officer Nick Valderas**, for ongoing fiscal stewardship and transparency.
- **Executive Director of Human Resources Randy Borgardt**, for ensuring we recruit, retain, and support high-quality staff across the district.
- **A special thank you to Dr McMahon for his years of service to Morton 201 as a dean, asst principal, principal and asst superintendent. He couldn't be here with us tonight but it is altogether fitting that we recognize his 17 years of service. We will miss his enthusiasm and his contagious Morton pride.**

## **Consent Agenda Overview**

The items that I am submitting for your approval on the consent agenda are as follows:

## **Agenda Item 9.3 – Superintendent’s Report Attachments**

Included in your Board packet are Student Activity Reports and Health Services Reports from each campus, along with the Monthly Truancy Officer Report.

## **Agenda Item 9.8 – Principals’ Reports**

Our principals will provide brief updates this evening. Detailed written reports are included in the Board packet for your review.

## **Agenda Item 11.1 – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from both the closed and open sessions of the May 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting are included for approval.

## **Agenda Item 11.4 – Student Discipline -we have none**

## **Agenda Item 11.6 -Approval of Board travel -we have none**

## **Agenda Item 11.7 -approval of staff travel- we have staff attending training/conferences at 5 locations.**

**11.7.1 Business teachers attending AP summer institute cyber security**

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**11.7.2 Food Science teacher attending Harvard outreach program**

**11.7.4 CTE Director attending ICTA retreat**

**11.7.5 CTE director and Work study coordinator to attend ACTE Caree tech conference**

**Agenda Item 11.8 -Student travel we have 3**

**11.8.1 – coaches and boys track to state meet**

**11.8.2 - coaches and Girls to Basketball camp**

**11.8.3 - coaches and girls to cheerleading camp**

### **Action Items**

I am asking the Board to approve the following action items:

**Agenda Item 12.1-**The **second and final reading of PRESS Policy Update #121**, ensuring alignment with current legal and educational standards.

**Agenda Item 12.2-** Appointment of a delegate to the **Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Assembly**, strengthening our voice at the state level.

**Agenda Item 12.3-** Approval of the **Annual Maintenance Contingency Picnic**, recognizing the important work of

our maintenance and operations staff who keep our facilities running smoothly year-round.

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## **Closing**

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, I want to thank our students, staff, families, and board for their continued support. The accomplishments outlined in these reports reflect a district committed to excellence, opportunity, and continuous growth.

Once again, congratulations to our Girls' Rugby State Champions and to all of our students for a successful year.

Thank you.