

Ruth Marshall, High School Principal

September 2026 MSHS School Board Report

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Count

9th- 89

10th- 85

11th-71

12th-66

Total- 311

Staffing

New staff/new roles this year include: Dominic Doyle (Temp. Assistant Principal), Kobe Canning (6-12 Band Instructor), David Chapman (9-12th Grade PE), Amber Schneider (At-Risk Paraprofessional), Lauren Darling (Student Support Coordinator), Katie Hatchew (Family Success Liaison).

Curriculum

Our Advisory time has become more structured this year, with all students in grades 9–11 focusing on Math, ELA, and Study Skills during this daily class. Seniors will participate in an advisory called *Senior Launch*, designed to help them prepare for life after high school. Throughout the year, students will explore their interests, strengths, and career options while also developing practical skills related to college, careers, finances, employment, and independent living. The goal is for every senior to leave Morley Stanwood with a clearer understanding of their next steps and the skills and confidence needed to successfully transition into life after high school.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming Spirit Week is 9/28-10/2

Homecoming Pep Assembly, Powder Puff, and Football Game 10/2

Homecoming Dance- 10/3

Art/Yearbook Field Trip to Art Prize- September 22nd

Fall Count Day- October 7th

Get Your Career in Gear- 10th Grade Field Trip to MOCC- September 14th

Jill of All Trades @ Ferris State University- October 15th

Parent/Teacher Conferences- October 21st

Past-

Back to School Open House & 9th Grade Orientation- August 19th

Academic Awards Ceremony- September 1st

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Honor Roll Cookout- September 2nd (*New this year, we will also have a breakfast in January for 1st semester honor roll students*)

Senior Sunrise- September 11th

Mohawk Varsity Volleyball Invite- September 12 (*Our MSHS Girls were Champs!*)

OK2SAY Assembly- September 14th

Picture Day- September 17th

Cross Country Mohawk Invite- September 19th

Ruth Marshall, Middle School Principal

September 2026 MSMS School Board Report

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Count

6th- 55

7th-72

8th-69

Total- 196

Staff

New staff/new roles this year include: Dominic Doyle (Temp. Assistant Principal), Jarrett Hoogerhyde (8th Grade Social Studies), Kobe Canning (6-12 Band Instructor), David Chapman (8th Grade PE), Mike Bockheim (8th Grade Spanish), Lauren Darling (Student Support Coordinator), Katie Hatchew (Family Success Liaison).

Curriculum

We are expanding our Advisory Period to include explicit instruction in “Study Skills” led by our middle school staff. Throughout the year, students will learn and practice essential skills such as organization, setting priorities and goals, developing routines, communicating with teachers, taking effective notes, preparing for and taking tests, and monitoring their own progress and grades. While these skills are embedded in classroom instruction, we have found that many of our students need additional, intentional instruction and practice in these areas. Having dedicated time each week will give students the opportunity to develop and strengthen these skills. In addition to Study Skills, students will continue to develop social-emotional learning skills through Character Strong. Teachers will also use Advisory to provide additional support and practice in the math and ELA skills students need most.

Medical Emergency Response Team

This year, we have added a Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) to our middle school. The head of Mecosta County EMS came to Morley Stanwood on September 10 to train our selected staff in responding to student and staff medical emergencies. Training included CPR/AED, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, diabetes care, seizures, anaphylactic response, overdose response, and other medical emergencies. We are excited to have this team in place and feel better prepared to respond quickly and appropriately should a medical emergency occur.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming Spirit Week is 9/28-10/2
7th Grade Field Trip to Art Prize- September 30th
Fall Count Day- October 7th
End of 1st Marking Period- October 16th
Parent/Teacher Conferences- October 21st

Past-

Back to School Open House & 6th Grade Orientation- August 19th
OK2SAY Assembly- September 14th
Picture Day- September 17th
Cross Country Mohawk Invite- September 19th

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

Morley Stanwood Elementary

Principal's Report

September 21, 2026

August 19-20: Staff at MSE participated in Back-to-School Professional Learning. Many topics were covered including the MSE School Improvement Plan, Standards-Based Learning/Grading work, and an introduction to the MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support) work that the elementary will begin this year.

August 19: MSE hosted its Back-to-School Open House. Attendance was fantastic and families seemed to move rapidly through the building and classrooms.

August 24: First day of school.

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August 31-September 4: Teachers and paraprofessionals completed FastBridge benchmark assessments for all students Pre-K through 5th grade. This data will be used to form intervention groups, target students for after-school tutoring, celebrate achievement and more.

September 14 - September 16: MSE hosted the Mobile Dentist program. This program allows participants to have dental screenings, cleanings, and minor restorative work while minimizing the amount of time students miss from school.

September 15: I attended the Elementary Principal's Roundtable at the MOISD. Several topics were discussed, but much of the time was spent analyzing how PA 146 - The K-12 Literacy and Dyslexia Law has and will continue to impact public schools. At MSE, we will be focused on providing Dyslexia Awareness training to staff and are monitoring the approved curriculum and benchmark assessment lists as materials are reviewed by MDE. As a result of PA 146, MSE may be required to make changes to both the K-5 ELA curriculum and our benchmark screening tool.

Enrollment Update:

2025-2026	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May
DK	10								
Kdg.	66								
1st	62								
2nd	75								
3rd	71								
4th	71								
5th	69								
ECSE	3								
Total	427	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Phil Stier, Technology Director

Technology Report 9-21-26

Another school year is off and running. Very busy this month getting teachers set up with the new printing platform. This program was on one of our servers and now it is hosted by the company who makes the software. This allows teachers to print on virtually any device that they have. Which adds a level of convenience that the on-site version couldn't provide.

Thank you
Phil Stier

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

I would like to recommend Freddie Barr for a full time bus driver position.

We are pleased to welcome this driver back to our transportation team. Although they have resigned from the position on two previous occasions, we are optimistic about their return and are giving them an opportunity to make a fresh start. We believe they have the experience and ability to be a successful bus driver, and we are hopeful that this time will be a long-term commitment. We look forward to supporting them and seeing them succeed in the role. We are excited to start the new school year fully staffed!

A retired bus driver returned to help train our new driver, providing valuable guidance and experience to help ensure a smooth transition and a successful start to the school year.

The new buses have been a great addition to our transportation fleet. They are nice, clean, and running well, and so far we have had no issues with them. We are very pleased with how they have performed as we begin the new school year.

We have experienced a new influx of students moving into areas that we have not serviced in several years. This increase has created some changes in our transportation needs as we work to adjust routes and ensure that all students are being served safely and efficiently.

What a great start to the new year!

Kelli Molitor, Food Service Director

See attachment.

Katie Eisinger, Special Education Supervisor

Special Education & MTSS Updates

Katie Eisinger

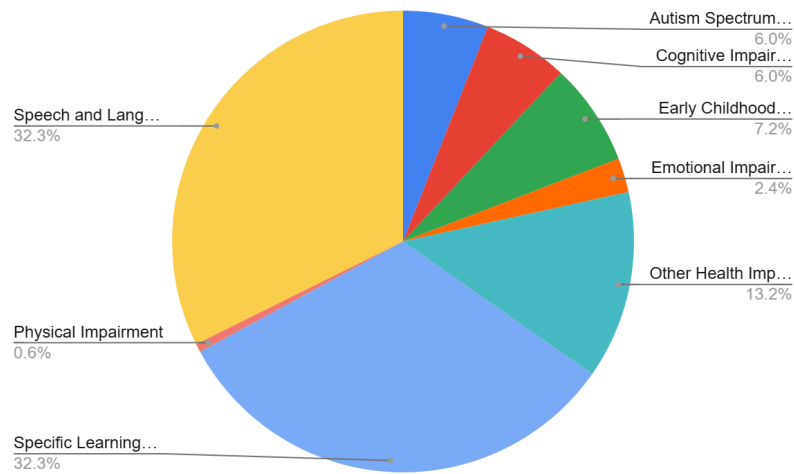
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Number of Students with an IEP*	173 or 18.5%
Autism Spectrum Disorder	10
Cognitive Impairment	10
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	6**
Early Childhood Development Delay	12
Emotional Impairment	4
Other Health Impairment	22
Specific Learning Disability	54
Physical Impairment	1
Speech and Language Impairment	54

*When I pulled the alpha report in August, we had 152. We had 17 students transfer into the district with an IEP.

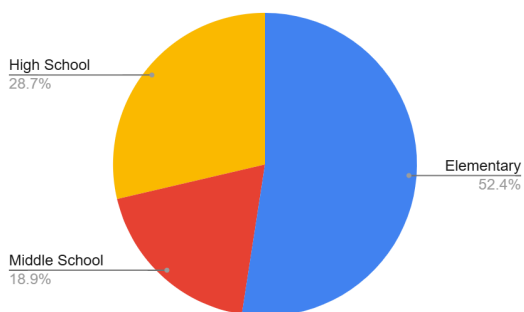
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Number of IEPs by School

Elementary	86
Middle School	31
High School	47



504s by School

District Wide	26 or 3%
Elementary	3

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Middle School	8
High School	15

Updates

- A huge shout out to everyone for welcoming me into the district. Everyone has been so kind and helpful to help me acclimate to Morley Stanwood!
- Our special education teachers attended training for a program called Playground IEP on Tuesday, April 15th. Playground IEP is a FERPA compliant ChatGPT for special education educators. The program has a lot of potential to support IEP writing, progress monitoring, etc.
- The elementary has their MTSS Kick-Off meeting with Matt Smith, MOISD MTSS Implementation Specialist, and me on Wednesday, September 16th. This is to set the stage and start the planning portion of the work that will be completed at the elementary school.
- MS and HS have incorporated SOAR Study Skills into their advisory curriculum. One day a week is dedicated to SEL, SOAR, and then interventions. This is a work in progress and will continue to grow throughout the school year.

Kellsey Fairris, Director of Finance and Grants

September 2026 Finance & Grant Update.

Consolidated Application & Grant Funding

The FY27 Consolidated Application was originally submitted on July 14, 2026. We were told that applications submitted by July 15 would have about a two-day turnaround for modifications, so the week after the audit I knocked it out and got it submitted. Unfortunately, we just received it back for modifications... two months later! :)

In the meantime, I have submitted prior approval requests for the items we needed to get started on, so we are making it work despite the delay. Overall, our grant allocations remain consistent with, and in some areas slightly higher than, our beginning allocations from last year.

I am also working with our principals and staff to spend down and close out all remaining grant funds from last year before the grant year ends on September 30, 2026.

FY2026 Financial Audit

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Trent Mulder, our auditor from UHY, will be at the October Board meeting to present the FY2026 Financial Audit. The audit was completed in July, and Trent will walk the Board through the results and answer any questions.

Bond Series IV & V

Mr. Nelson and I have been working with all of our bond officials on combining Bond Series IV and V into one issuance. I think this is a very advantageous approach for the district, both financially and with the timing of our remaining projects.

One of the biggest benefits is avoiding two separate sets of issuance costs. Combining the two series allows us to streamline the process and keep more of our bond funds available for the actual projects rather than paying duplicate issuance expenses.

State Aid Update

The district does not receive a State Aid payment during the month of September, which is part of the normal State Aid payment schedule. For FY27, the district will receive a foundation allowance of \$10,300 per student.

New this year, some categorical funding, including At-Risk, will be added to our foundation allowance. While I think this is a great step toward reducing the number of separate categorical funding streams, the reporting requirements and strict guidelines for how those funds can be spent remain the same.

Financial Software Migration

We started the process of migrating our financial software from SDS to Skyward in August, with plans to officially go live in Skyward in April 2027. The migration calendar is daunting, to say the least! There is a significant amount of work that goes into moving our financial, payroll, and employee information into a completely new system while continuing to keep all of our normal Business Office operations running.

The transition will keep Juanita and me incredibly busy throughout the year. There will be a lot of learning, testing, data cleanup, and preparation between now and April, but the goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible and be ready to fully operate in Skyward when we go live.