

Hello Parents,

What a great first day of school! We are looking forward to a great year.

Here are a few updates:

We are still in a construction mode and we appreciate your patience. Our new schools are on schedule for completion and occupancy next August. The current concrete block structures you see will be faced with brick and veneer on the outside and covered on the inside. Both structures should be roofed before the first snow fall.

A principal for the new Mountain Green Middle School will be selected in January. The new principal will assemble a school community council to help with the hiring of new teachers, selection of a mascot, and other important aspects including scheduling. The best place to give input at any of our schools is through service on the school's community council. Let the principal of the school know of your interest and your name can be placed on the ballot.

The repurposing of the current MMS annex into a district office, board room, and technology center is complete. It is located at 67 North 200 East. Two classrooms in the building will continue to be used by MMS for instruction this year. The current district office will be used for a half day Kindergarten class and then moved or demolished at the end of the school year to make way for additional parking and student drop off at MES.

We generated some negative interest on social media this week. Some of our old textbooks were inadvertently thrown in a dumpster. Before we could correct the mistake and retrieve them for sale or donation, someone took them. We have a process for disposing of old textbooks and have reminded all of our employees to follow it. There were also some comments about old computers in our recycle bin. We pull the hard drives and drill them to prevent any identifiable information from being shared before we recycle or dispose of them. We use most old computers for parts but there comes a time we have to say goodbye and part with old technology.

The Morgan Board of Education will not be raising property taxes this year and was not required to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing. You will see the first increase in your taxes next year as a result of the bond. The rates have been structured so that taxes will be lower than those estimated during the bond campaign. Some taxpayers may see an increase this year as a result of property reassessment.

I appreciate your continued support and invite you to email me with any questions or comments.