Ruth Marshall, High School Principal

Count

9th- 72 10th-61

11th-84

12th-78

Total- 295

Staffing

We are sharing some staff with our middle school this year: The following middle school teachers are teaching 1 or 2 high school classes- Dominic Doyle, Holly Mund, Michaela Brillinger, Kaitlin Ray. We have Art Campione and Jody Zuern teaching an 8th grade specials class.

We are hiring a new Behavior Interventionist, Alexis Cummings. She will begin on September 3rd. We have also hired a new special education paraprofessional, Jaimie Williams whose start date will be determined soon!

Curriculum

The high school staff will begin teaching our Trails curriculum on Friday, September 6th. Our School Social Worker, Taylor Prins, created a <u>calendar/schedule</u> that will allow our staff to teach 20 lessons during the school year. Trails lessons are designed to build skills in responsible decision-making, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and self-awareness.

Events

We hosted Open House and Freshman Orientation on August 20th. All but 2 of our freshmen came to orientation/open house that night!

Upcoming-

Varsity Volleyball will host the Mohawk Invite on September 14th Homecoming Spirit Week is September 16-20 Academic Awards Ceremony and Homecoming Pep Assembly September 20th

Cross Country will host the Mohawk Invite on September 21st

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

- 6 65
- 7 88
- 8 83

Total 236

Middle School

Mr. Doyle and Mrs. Coty helped to secure a Grant for 35 Specialized RockHoppers (Mountain Bikes) Mr. Doyle traveled to California for training.

STEM Camp was finished up in August with a celebration catered by Pere Marquette Catering Company.

Middle School has adjusted their schedule this year to mirror the High School

Athletics

Coach Campione secured a Grant from the Detroit Lions for Equipment and Uniforms. The players also went to a Preseason game at Ford Field

Volleyball is starting their season Honorable mention as a top team in the state.

Middle School volleyball season is beginning.

Cross Country is excited to get back on their course after the storm in May devastated it.

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

August 19: Elementary staff participated in ISD-wide professional learning at Ferris State University. Keynotes by Jessica Minnihan and John Hodge provided content about supporting anxious students and provided a crucial reminder about the importance of our impact as a teacher.

August 20: Elementary teachers participated in on-going professional learning led by Communications by Design (CBD) surrounding our Standards-Based Instruction initiative. Specifically we focused on creating proficiency scales to articulate how we know when a student has gained the expected knowledge and skills.

August 20: Morley Stanwood Elementary hosted our Back-to-School Open House. We had incredibly good turnout and folks seemed excited to begin the year on August 21.

August 21: An amazing first day of school for the staff and students of Morley Stanwood Elementary.

August 26-29: Teachers and paraprofessionals worked diligently to complete beginning of the year benchmark assessments. This data establishes a starting point for measuring student growth over the year and supports our work to provide interventions services to enhance student growth.

Enrollment Update:

| 2024-2025 | Sept. |
|-----------|-------|
| DK | 15 |
| Kdg. | 73 |
| 1st | 71 |
| 2nd | 71 |
| 3rd | 68 |
| 4th | 60 |
| 5th | 81 |
| ECSE | 12 |
| Total | 451 |

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Curriculums

We have a core curriculum in all of our buildings. The curriculums are posted on our website for stakeholder review. The curriculums are:

Mathematics K-12: McGraw Hill-Glencoe (Everyday Mathematics)

English K-5: Bookworms English 6-12: HMH Into Literature/Reading

Social Studies K-3: Studies Weekly (Newspaper tactile format)

Social Studies 4-12: TCI

Science K-5: Mystery Science Science 6-8: Cereal City

Science 9-12: Savvas Realize

<u>Assessment</u>

Elementary and Middle school Fastbridge testing will be in September. High School Horizons testing will also be in September. We also have embedded a diagnostic assessment that is attached to Intervention/Enrichment activities through a program called IXL.

Professional Development/Instruction

Priority Standards training will continue. Year 1 is complete with established "important standards" that are related to teacher evaluation and what is covered on our state tests. Year 2 will focus on scoring rubrics for each standard we teach looking at what it really looks like for a student to understand that skill. Teachers will also begin practicing with rubrics and tracking how many times our priority standards are taught throughout the year.

School Improvement

Our MICIP team will be training with Sara Shriver LLC in developing a programmatic approach to school improvement. This program will allow a neutral lense in evaluating school data. At the end of the year we will be able to apply this approach to all future years.

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Phil Stier, Technology Director

This summer was not as eventful as the previous summers. There was no bond construction this summer. At a local level, most of the summer was spent organizing staff changes. Some of those changes consisted of welcoming new staff and other consisted of changing rooms. At a regional level, more discussion took place within the ISD about cyber security and making sure we have adequate backups of data. For the most part, I think we had a great start of school and still tying up loose ends.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

I am happy to report that we are fully staffed and all the routes have a permanent driver on them.

I would like to welcome Deb Thompson and Melissa Walker to our Mohawk family. Deb started here at Morley Stanwood 30 plus years ago. She then drove for Tri-County for many years before driving for a motorcoach company. Melissa came to us from Chesaning. She has recently moved to the Stanwood area after driving for Chesaning for 5 years.

Kelli Molitor, Food Service Director

The beginning of the new year has food service settling in nicely. We have a couple of new faces and people who have changed buildings this year. Leesa Warner has joined us at the high school. She is working part time this year through EDUStaff. Cheryl Corey has moved from the Elementary to the high school and is enjoying the transition. Angie Seaman was hired at the end of last year as a sub and has now become a full time Morley Stanwood employee and is working at the Elementary School. Cindy has come back part time to help me with the transition to the director and help at serving time.

I am doing double duty as director & Elementary head cook until September 30th, when Alicia Jackson gets back from maternity leave. They welcomed twin girls to their family in July. Leesha Browne is asst head cook at the elementary and is doing a great job filling in on some of Alicia's jobs while she is gone.

All in all, things are going great!

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

We are currently providing special education programs and/or services to 177 students in the district.

Elementary School - 96 students Middle School - 42 students High School - 39 students

We also currently service 20 students with 504 Plans.

The special education department is focusing on building capacity in the areas of Child Find and LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) this year, as well as continuing learning in the areas of discipline and transition.

Kellsey Fairris, Grant Coordinator

Grants

The Consolidated App was released significantly later this year than ever before. It has been submitted, now we are just waiting on approval. This year we do have residents attending a Private school within 25 miles that we do have to provide shared partnership through Title I funding through. We have partnered with Reed City Public Schools to provide this.

We are in the process of wrapping up many grants remaining from last year and evaluating new grants the state has released to see if they would be advantageous for the district to apply for. As with years past I am sure there will be many more to come as the year goes on.

The district was able to provide 9 staff members with Student Loan support through 27k in July totaling over \$8,000. It is unclear if this grant will continue past September. Finance

Unfortunately, the Finance update is not what I had been hoping for when I met with you in June to present the budget. We did not receive the foundation allowance increase that we expected. In all three budget proposals from Senate, House, and Governor there was at least a \$200 per pupil increase, when the final budget was presented there was none.

Many of the news articles released from the state references record breaking investments to public schools. There is a one-time adjustment to the 147c payment the

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district makes to Office of Retirement Services. Early reports suggest this will save the district around \$383,000 this year. But on the same hand we are losing \$207,000 in the 31aa Mental Health and School Safety allocation. When all of the adjustments shake out we are receiving an increase of around \$262 per pupil but it is all a one-year adjustment. Next year we will go backwards with our funding unless they double down with the foundation increase to account for the lack of one this year.

On the bright side... We are up over 40 students compared to where I budgeted!