

Transcript – 6.18.24 BOE Meeting

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let's got the mic next to it there yeah yeah

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good evening we're GNA call the meeting to

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order it's on oh I'm small

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sorry um I'm going to call to order the meeting of the regular meeting of the

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moorestown Township Board of Education is called to order this meeting is called in conformance with the open public

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public meet open public meetings act with adequate notice provided as follows

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notice filed with The Courier Post on June 30th 2023 notice filed with the Burlington County Times on June 30th

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2023 can we please take a moment of

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silence can we please stand for the pledge I pledge allegiance

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America for which it stands, one nation,

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Indivisible, with liberty, and justice for all. Mr Heiser if you could please take

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roll call Miss Arcaro Burns pres Mrs Barnes

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Mrs Fallows Macaluso Dr Mailhiot here Mrs Miller Mrs

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Morano Mr weeks pres Mrs Makapoupos here Mr Villanueva

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fav thank you okay may I please get a motion

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for executive session oh sorry for approval of the

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hello board members parents and fellow students tomorrow we will all take our last finals of the year though no one

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enjoys finals I think they're very valuable in that they teach us study skills that we will use in our finals in

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college also taking finals now gives us certain expectations that may relieve

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some anxiety for future tests as we all know the school is the school year is nearing to an end and I think I speak

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for everyone when I say that we are all ready for summer though summer brings a much
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needed break this school year was really great as a freshman it was overwhelming
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coming into High School however being in high school really isn't all that scary all of your teachers are here for you
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and want you to succeed if I could give one piece of advice to incoming freshman it's that trust me you will be fine
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other than school high school has amazing extracurriculars this year I got to play on the field hockey team and the
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environment was great a perfect balance between competition and support also
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being liaison allowed me to practice the very valuable skill of public speaking so I'd like to thank Mr. Peny as well as
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all student council and the board for making this possible overall this year surrounded me with so many amazing
new
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people and experiences some of which I'll take with me for my whole life thank
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you thank
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you hello everyone and I'm Sophia from your sophomore class leison and happy
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end of the school year um in in the Whirlwind of big events happening at the end of the as the end of the school
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winds down to an end our clubs have also been ending this year with a bang first of all the yearbook was just
released
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and distributed and distributed the oh my God I'm sorry
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first of all the yearbook just released and distributed their coveted yearly book documenting the year and it is
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amazing as always Nutshell Club has also released their yearly magazines filled with art and literature by students
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copies were distributed for students to enjoy entrepreneurship Club has also recently met on a field trip to Miles
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technology to learn about how they create different websites for different companies as well as having a weekly
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Chick-fil-A fundraisers each Friday interact our biggest Club recently did senior send offs where people could send
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messages to the class of 2024 which would include the message and a snack they were distributed at a mandatory
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graduation rehearsal and this is definitely my favorite thing the rest of the school can do because we get to say
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goodbye to our awesome seniors amazingly represented by Bava who we're definitely
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going to miss at all these meetings thank you everyone and have a great
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summer thank
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you hello everyone I'm the senior class Le on Bava so the big day graduation is

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this Thursday which is absolutely insane I can't believe it's here already and this part of June has just been

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filled with senior activities so last Tuesday we had our senior recognition night yesterday we had our senior picnic

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and it was just a fun time for all of us seniors to get together eat some barbecue food and play games like

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cornhole basketb and much more today was our first graduation rehearsal and we

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practiced our walk we received our senior send offs and we also got our cap and gowns which was a really emotional

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moment for my mom and tomorrow morning is our second graduation rehearsal and

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our senior breakfast and during the senior breakfast we'll watch a video yearbook which was created by our senior

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video production class our last graduation rehearsal is on Wednesday and then it's the big day on Thursday the

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March will start at 6:15 and around 8:00 p.m. all of us seniors will be start starting to get ready to board the buses

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for Project Graduation so this also means that it is my last board meeting firstly I would

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like to thank Miss traany over there or to me Senora Trapani she's been my

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Spanish teacher for the past four years I've gotten to know her in the classroom and outside of the classroom through

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Spanish club and student council where she's been a dedicated supportive and helpful teacher she's always ready to

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read over our speeches send us a reminder for our next board meeting and so much more and on behalf of us leison

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in the class of 2024 we truly appreciate all that you do Mr penny so during this time with all the

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senior activities I've been thinking that it really does feel like just yesterday I was a freshman so terrified

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to start high school especially because I started High School in September 2020 during the pandemic I still remember my

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first board meeting during freshman year I was so nervous because everything was virtual and honestly a little bit

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awkward I remember Mr Arie would have to screen share a picture of the flag and we would stand in front of our laptops

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to do the pledge and the moment of silence was a real moment of silence cuz we were all muted so they were really

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strange times really strange um the world was

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changing so rapidly and everything was uncertain however during these times the board kept working really hard late into

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the night and early into the morning and since then I really appreciated how

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they've added stability to our district adjusted to the times and made sure each student was able to keep learning safe

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safely so the board has really continued working hard and I really admire them for that and it's truly been an honor to

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be aison to the board of education on behalf of the class of 2024 for these past years four years I enjoy speaking

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to you all and getting to know yall outside of Board of Education meetings I remember Miss mot she um really

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graciously drove our class president and I in her convertible for the homecoming parade she brought pom poms and blankets

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and just really made it a whole celebration and we felt special I've really gotten to know Miss Butler

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through all our dice meetings she always checked up on me during these meetings and how I was doing during the college application process and I've had so many

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great conversations with Mr bandorf especially during my video production class I actually found out that he was

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the superintendent for Wasing Township Schools which is where I used to live before morst

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toown so besides Miss Mia Miss Butler and Mr Bendorf I've enjoyed running into

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all of you around moristown just two weeks ago I ran into Miss Barnes at the high school Pops concert so hopefully I

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get to see you all after I graduate I just want to thank you all for all that you've done for the class of 2024 and

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your constant dedication to ensuring that we have a wonderful High School experience which it truly has been it's

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been an honor being the class of 2024 leison for these past four years thank [Applause]

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you I just want to publicly excuse me I just want to publicly thank you guys I know I came over and said a few words to

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you but you know in our world today there's so much anxiety so much concern for what the future may be bringing you

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know as a father or grandfa as a recent grandfather you worry you wonder what will the world be like long after we're

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no longer here and uh I'm a positive person in general but seeing the young

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people in this community hearing them seeing you guys every month and the other kids that I've gotten to know in

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moristown um really gives me great great comfort and great hope your level of politeness

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sincerity intelligence your ability to speak in front of a large group of

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people um really gives me hope for our future because people like you are going

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to be engaged in that future in helping build our our world and moving forward so thank you thank you thank you good

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luck in college you guys have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you back here next year thank you very very

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much before before we let you go I just want to also add to what Mr Bendorf said

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and every week and I'm going to tear up because I'm a mom and I know how your mom felt even though I didn't get to

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that stage yet um it's so impressive to see all of you and it's great to hear

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what's going on but it's even better to hear how you deliver it and really you

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guys just are the highlight of the meeting every single week so thank you um Bava good luck to you in your future

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endeavors thank you for the MHS commits Instagram because it was very nice to see where everybody's going um and

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Sophia and Lily enjoy your summer thank you all very much you make us

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[Applause]

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proud yes it's my turn um Mark is still your board president um but he could not

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make it here tonight so I'm taking over the mic for him um I just wanted to

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briefly say that uh just in terms of board work um for the summer our focus

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is really on the super search um there were some feedback meetings and there's been a stakeholder survey that's open

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till the end of the week um so hopefully if you haven't had a chance yet please um take advantage of giving us feedback

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so that we can use all that to inform um the job description and the process going forward um the more you know I

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also just wanted to take the opportunity to recognize all of the efforts that go

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into making June happen and the end of the school year some are knocked on the

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door way too early um I know we've all been battling the heat um but I think

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we're all ready for the summer and I just wanted to recognize um all the work from the

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senior recognition to the unified um banquet that I unfortunately could not

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make this year but loved last year uh the clap outs all the the whims uh

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recognition just everything that goes into making the end of the year great I just want to say thank you to home in

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school Education Foundation the parents who try to make sure that they

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get to everything that they can and get their kids ready for the summer the teachers the staff the administration up

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here um I think we're all ready for summer um and I think that um I just

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wanted to recognize everybody who um has worked so hard to get us to this point in the year

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so that's it well June's a Bittersweet time of year um because not only do we in the

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happiness of celebrating the end of another year and the beginning of the summer and all that the summer brings it's also a time each year that we get

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to say goodbye to folks uh we say goodbye by to our seniors and we also get to say goodbye to staff members who

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have served the district so long who have decided it was time to move on to the next chapter of their lives so with

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that I'm going to turn things over to Carol Butler who uh has special recognitions for our staff members who

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are moving on to

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retirement okay we've got a bunch tonight so hang in there Cheryl and Joe to come up and help out if you are here

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I ask you to come up yes there in order they're in order all right I

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will read also if people are not here today because I do believe they still um they did serve well throughout their time here and so I do want to give a

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shout out I don't believe s pal is here uh she began her career here in mortown

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1998 as the assistant principal of the William all middle school she had two beautiful children and in 2002 actually

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resigned from the district however the district before that ink had even dried she was called back upon to help support

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special education in a supervisory role followed by supporting the personnel office social studies and Fine Art fine

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and Performing Arts and then eventually sharing the math supervisory role with shelle row beginning in 2007 200

in 2010

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she was asked to move into the director of HR which she held until 2012 when she was then asked to be the principal of

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the Upper Elementary School Sue was the 14th principal of the ues serving in

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this role for 12 years her vision and passion for the students and staff will live on as she leaves us we wish Su all

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the best in her next adventures and appreciate her time with us

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Mr Don Williams he is here Don began his career here in 1998

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as a sixth grade language arts teacher he coached eth grade boys soccer and monitored the am bus Duty during his
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time here as a teacher I was his principal during that time some of it he took great pride in being a role model
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for all the students that he had before him but especially those of our neediest males in the building he took that
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responsibility on with pride in 2008 Don was then appointed to the principal assistant principal role at the high
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school he's made a commitment to support all students connecting with our minority students along the way the
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students appreciate his honesty and that he is in their corner he will be missed best wishes on your next adventure
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appreciate all that you have done

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all right Maria

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appuchi she began her career here in 1989 as a secretary for the William Allen Middle School you'll see a theme
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tonight for Williams she took on the role of substitute caller for many years in 1991 Maria was promoted to
secretary

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for the principal of whams until 2006 when she was chosen to become the secretary for the assistant

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superintendent of curriculum instruction in 2008 Maria was again promoted to the highest secretary Aral support
position

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as the confidential secretary for the superintendent of schools Maria has supported all the superintendent she has
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worked under how many 10 with a smile making sure that they were all prepared for whatever they

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faced she will be missed and we wish her all the best in her next

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advention I would be remissed the 10th was the best um but uh coming here uh to a district

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uh you really have to rely on certain people as you come into things to learn

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the things that you need to learn and also build very quickly a relationship of trust because in that office having

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somebody that you know you can speak to you know you can learn from you know that will uh do what they have
to do to

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help protect you and or get the information you need to be able to handle a problem there's there's nobody

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better and I couldn't have been any more fortunate to step into this role and and believe me when I tell you my my

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decision making as related to staying on to the district had very much to do with the person that I was working
next to so

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you will be missed tremendously Maria and uh most toown owes you a great a great debt of gratitude for all that
you

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have done for them over the many many years that you've been here thank you for breaking us all [Applause]

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in thank you every everybody I just really do want to it was a Bittersweet

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coming in this evening because I remember back in 1989 when I did come in for an interview for the position with

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the principal and then I've made a lot of wonderful connections with so many staff and parents and students um

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board members and I do want to I do want to thank the past board members and the

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present board members for allowing me to continue in the position that I held right now so thank you so much and have

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a wonderful

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summer all right Mr John Barton all right John he began as an

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English teacher with us since 1994 he's helped coach track and field he was the accompanist for many vocal concerts he

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was the ninth 10th 11th and 12th grade advisers he ran the quizbowl helped out

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with Saturday detention as also acted as a discipline Monitor and helped monitor the parking lots John has connected with

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many of his students throughout his years of teaching through his teachings and we wish him all the best in his next

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adventure I just want to say I I feel really blessed to work in one of the best districts in Jersey so therefore in

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the country and I really think that this is an awesome place to work so thank you very much

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I do not believe Kathy Burger is Kathy burger here is yeah I not see her she was hired in 2007 as the guidance

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secretary at the high school she is supported our students and staff for the past 17 years she made impact on our

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students supporting them as they came in for visits or for by gathering documentation for college admissions we

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appreciate all that Kathy has done for our students at the district and we wish her well in her next adventure I

believe watching grandchildren what I've

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heard all right Mary cavage is not here but another William Allen Middle School staff member she was hired in 1997 as a

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media specialist Mary Has Been instrumental in utilizing the media Center's everchanging space providing

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life skills to our students Mary worked closely with her peers to come into classrooms to teach research and

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Technology skills as identified by her peer teachers she was the building's Web

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Master for many years she coached Middle School track she assisted with Summer testing for placement for new students

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entering the district she served as the co- District Tech technology coordinator she ran the lights and sound for the
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Middle School concerts and plays Mary has a passion for books and would make sure students had access to the
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young adult literature that was identified each year she spent many days talking with students about the books
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that they read encouraging them to Branch out to other authors or genre we wish Mary all the best in her next
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Adventures I don't think Lori forom is here right Lor is here nope she's completing her 7 Contin year with us she
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started in 2006 as a long-term substitute at Roberts moving into a basic skills and part-time kindergarten
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teacher both at Roberts in South Valley she had transferred back and forth in 2008 she became the full-time
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kindergarten teacher staying at Roberts she also spent some time in second grade and then going back to
kindergarten
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she's helped tutor her students and participate in literacy nights she wrote curriculum for us and was a Tuttle one
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tutor Lor is very passionate about our students especially those at Roberts she's committed herself to teaching and
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get giving to her students over her time with us the best that she has to offer we definitely wish her all the best in
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her next
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adventure all right another whams lesie Clen lesie Clen began as a long-term
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substitute for just half the year before becoming a sixth grade language arts teacher she's completing her 32nd
year
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with us all at whams she led the fantasy fantasy literacy magazine club and
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served as Mentor for several new teachers she was a director of the play for the fifth and sixth grade and seven
eighth grade when whams was held all
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four grades in the same building she helped with makeup and costumes for those plays she led the national
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academic Le club and served as a homework club monitor lesie was instrumental in bringing the one book
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one school movement to Williams she participated in the South Jersey all South Jersey reading Council following
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the young adult literature's top 10 books asking her principal at the time me to start this with our students lesy
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got together interested staff to read six books and decide which one was appropriate for our schools uh to read
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schooled by Gordon Corman was our first book the entire School read the book
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participated in full- Day activities and supported the story and we even had Gordon Corman come to speak to the
students this continued for over 10
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years it was a passion of hers and one that was well experienced and well liked by students and staff we want to
wish

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leslie all the best in her next Adventures thank you

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I grew up in most toown I went through this very School in the early 80s totally dating myself here so you could

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definitely say that whams has been my home away from home for a long long time but as much as I love and I will

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definitely miss wandering through these Halls it's the people that I will miss most uh and that goes for my union

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it goes for the people I teach with every single day it goes for my wonderful administrators who've been so

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supportive and it goes for my board of education too so thank you all so much you've made it such a

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pleasure all right there a couple more here sorry Phyllis manine has served as a prair professional for our transportation department for the last

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four years she helped support our students to and from school we appreciate her commitment and dedication to our community and wish her all

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the best in her next

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adventures all right Tony paon she's here correct right began her career with us in 2008 as an art teacher at the high

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school she taught a variety of art classes with her time with us from beginners to several honors level classes she was the high school business

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manager for the fall play held art clubs she wrote curriculum helped as an adviser for the nutshell High School

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yearbook she was a high school discipline monitor taught summer enrichment classes and she was the summer District painter I find that to

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be the funniest we appreciate all that Tony has done for us and our students over the years we wish her all the best as she moves to South to be closer to

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her granddaughter all right Marine patril I

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don't believe she's here either right Marine uh began her career as a prayer professional at South Valley Elementary

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School helping our students and teachers in 2001 Marine was promoted to secretary at South Valley to support the media

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center in 2009 she acted as the school's Web Master in 2010 unfortunately due to economic

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factors in the world when the media specialist secretaries were not renewed Moren was reassigned to Baker Elementary

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to help support the main office in 2020 Marine was then promoted to the principal secretary position at Baker

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Elementary she's been a great support to Shelley and her staff she's been integral part of Baker and South Valley

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in every role that she has taken on we appreciate her commitment to our students families and staff and we wish her all the best in her next Adventures

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Timothy Mr Tim O'Reilly he is here he is completing his 27th year as a

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business education teacher here at our high school Tim has coached many sports including cross country boys and girls

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golf boys and girls basketball freshman softball weight training the stock market Club the JB volleyball he served

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as a Saturday suspension supervisor the future Business Leaders of America the young Republicans Club the overol

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student funds and the discipline monitor on top of teaching while Tim is retiring

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from teaching he intends to play a lot of golf and continue to coach for moristown we wish him all the best as he

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continues to strive for those holes in one on the variety of golf courses and helps to keep the winning of our basketball teams going on

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congratulations [Applause]

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Tim um I want to Echo what everyone else said and uh what a wonderful District

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this was to work in for my entire career um the great colleagues I had teachers

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uh the supportive Administration and the students and families that dist of this District

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can't be matched anywhere um I started out a long time ago not really knowing

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what I was doing with brown hair I just started to get the hang of

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it I now have white hair but as everybody said after 28 years of teaching at least you still have hair so

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[Laughter] all right but thank you very much it's been my

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pleasure that's

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right so we have a presentation tonight but before we get started I think it'd be important to uh just acknowledge

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the end of the school year and really the people that make this place tick in so many ways I think it's important for

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people to know how appreciative how appreciated they are you know this is a

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business of humanity you're in this every single day interacting with other

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people and those interactions matter uh you know was once told to me and

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something I came to believe dramatically that in in the in the role of a teacher

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um when you get kids to a place where they know you care when you're connecting to them on a really high

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level uh that you believe in them and that you care about their well-being

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they're far better apt to learn under your guidance and I don't think it

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changes no matter who you encounter or who you deal with as a parent as a coach

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as a teacher and just in relationships in general in in in the way of human business then when you know how to

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recognize and appreciate you form connections with people and and I think that the end result is that people work

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harder because they Embrace that level of relationship and that level of care I

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see that in so many ways in this District on a lot of levels um I want to

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thank our teachers for carrying that message into their classroom every single day I want to thank our power

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professionals who support that role and also form those same level of connections with our kids our bus

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drivers our custodians our building and grounds crew our administrators and our

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supervisors all come together in different roles and sometimes it odds with one another but in one General goal

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and that is to make this place the best it can be for our kids and then to go beyond that you have this incredible

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network of volunteerism that exists in this community front and center with our home and school shirts on uh the and the

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level of work and dedication that occurs in this community is really an

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incredibly high level one that you know I've seen in in other communities but

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not to the extreme that it exists here and it's part and parcel as to why this

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district is what it is when you live in a community where people care about the

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main thing of raising kids and developing them and educating them in a way in which those kids feel accepted

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and a part of the culture developed in that District good things happen and

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good things happen happened as witnessed tonight in this District all the time so as we dial it down move into the summer

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months I think it's important for people to understand where they fit and how they matter in the scheme of things to

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our retirees enjoy it I did for seven months um and then I got a little bored

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uh once November hit and I couldn't go south to play golf I didn't know what to do it myself so good luck all right I

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hope you can figure it out I just haven't quite figured it out yet myself uh but having said that uh recently U we

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put out a survey to this community and and it kind of ties into what I'm talking about because when you see the

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kinds of things that matter to folks in this community it's ultimately about that the quality of their education what
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it is that we're doing to provide and support for our kids came through shining like I fully expected but the
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proof is in the pudding so if we can kind of just move through the first slide I don't have a clicker can you help me
with that over there slug go to

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the second

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some time and I certainly don't want to repeat but knowing some of the questions that came through on the
survey there

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are some things that we have to consistently reemphasize so that the message is loud and clear so the first

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thing that we did is we contracted with an architect to really assess our buildings what they needed because from
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a referendum standpoint we're talking about infrastructure the things that we need to do to support the
educational

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model that we want to have in place here uh the district received those recommendations and they were lengthy

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all right so we were then left with the job of going through those recommendations and seeking input from

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our community as to where we're going to go what are we going to do and and what recommendations are we
taking based on

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how the community feels all right and then once that's concluded the the the

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Board of Education will have an opportunity to review all of those recommendations make final determinations
and then those things

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will then be submitted to the state for their approval and ultimately their share of what it is that they'll be

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willing to put forward um in terms of the cost of the total referendum and

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then what cost the Local District would have to bear as a result

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ex so this is good news so we have about 3,500 kids in the district so as a rough

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estimate you know looking at multiple home house families maybe there's 31 3200 families in the district um as a
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rough guest we have well over a thousand people respond to this survey that's

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significant all right now we've gotten great help from Laura Bishop Communications who help put this together
and culminate this information

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and provide this back to us and they were fully expecting to get an

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average of about 5 to 600 we had well over a thousand uh that

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doesn't surprise me because once again it's an example of the level of caring and engagement that this community

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Fosters as it relates to the school so what did that look like well the overwhelming majority of them nearly 70%
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were parents of school AG children all right to a lesser degree staff which is probably relative to our parents to
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staff ratio parents of former uh students in mortown parents of future
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students in mortown it's a great number 7 and a half% of people who are anticipating and are already looking
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forward to what schools will be able to provide for their children probably the
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reason they moved here in the first place and then even more astounding to make 1.7% were our current students
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which is kind of cool uh that our kids are taking an AC of interest in what it is that we're trying to do so what were
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the areas of Interest over inly academic Excellence should not be a surprise to
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anybody and then below that STEM Science technology engineering mathematics and
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you can add the Arts to that as well mental health and counseling which is a very big thing that's going on in our
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world today particularly as post pandemic and the needs of our children and then special education services
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which we've talked about the quality of what moristown has developed and offers continues to be a draw and area
of
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importance to the folks who live here numbers of respondents selecting
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what's most beneficial to their children this feeling of belongingness is really
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very important to our families and and and that shows up in the responses here
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uh to our survey um a sense of belonging is very critical
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and you see that resonating as the number one most beneficial uh thing and and and I agree with that because the
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research is clear here if kids don't feel engaged they don't feel a part of something they're not really engaged in
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a relationship uh with their school then learning becomes more challenging it
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just does and that's just the reality of Life Visual and Performing Arts are also
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a critical element for folks oh you went too fast went back on oh there there
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environment and sustainability and Athletics which we all know play a critical role here in the mortown
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Community what's most important obviously infrastructure and we've been emphasizing that if we don't have
sound
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buildings to be able to deliver instruction to be able to do the things that we do then it really doesn't matter
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parking and traffic flow especially this time of year the phone calls about parking all over the neighborhoods is
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quite frankly astounding playground function all right what it is that we're providing for our kids and then of

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course our athletic facilities and if you look at percentages across the board you know the athletic piece I think

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really comes into play for older kids uh playing at the middle and high school levels which are why I think that you

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see you know A variation in the percentage of what it is that people care about but these were the top four

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areas that folks are deem most important in

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moristown smaller this whole referendum and this whole notion was about concerns

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that we already have acknowledged exist particularly at our lower levels and how we can create more space to be able to

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reduce class sizes to create full day kindergarten all right and hopefully to

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someday expand uh our preschool options here that are available in this community and this was overwhelming

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overwhelming smaller class sizes were asked is it very beneficial somewhat beneficial not beneficial or class size

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to not affect the way children learn and you can see that nearly 95% of this community recognizes that

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it's either very beneficial or somewhat beneficial that's how important class size is to the community and I think

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that that's an astute observation on their

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part all right embracing Elementary at the ues you know we still are getting

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the questions and and we're going to have to really do an incredibly strong job of making sure that this this phrase

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that I've been using of reimagining is critical all right this this fear that exists of sending third

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graders to the ues is a fear born of what the ues currently is which we all recognize is a bifurcated model of both

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elementary and middle school that is not the model that our third graders will entertain our goal is to engage and

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create a welcoming warm bright vivid culture of a building that third graders

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are going to embrace and be a part of uh in their Trek along their Journey here

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in in mortown whereas sixth graders will vacate the ues and will no longer be

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there and will finally be where they belong in a middle school model all right and no longer would would that

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building be saddled with trying to run two separate schedules for two different modalities of kids third fourth and

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fifth grade and sixth grade it's really not a tenable model and this plan will reimagine the ues I also say very

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strongly that when I'm gone I hope that you give it a new name all right one that will help in that reimagination of

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it being a bright a bright place so this will eliminate uh the need to split Focus between elementary and middle

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school and uh the renovations will include creating things new playground
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spaces interior spaces colorful hallways uh things that are going to be inviting
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and engaging for young kids so when they walk in they feel like they're just going to their next elementary school
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that's the goal so what are some of the top questions this I've gotten I I I spoke to Rotary
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last week and this was a major question so this doesn't surprise me what is flexible learning space because it's a
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really catchy phrase it sounds really good all right but there's an answer to it and it's a multiple answer because it
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means different things at different levels in its most basic form a flexible learning space is a space that we can
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utilize in multiple ways all right so for example from one year to the next you may have more first grade ERS than
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second graders and vice versa and so you may need to add a grade A Class of first
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grade and have one less than second grade can you make them multiple use so that they're going to be able to
work
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regardless whether it's a Kindergarten class or a first grade class there are some variations and things that are
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required and so creating spaces that have that ability to have dual you use
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is very critical flexible learning space Also meanings subdividing some of our larger spaces into smaller spaces so
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that we can Ma maximize the amount of classroom space that we have and at the upper levels at the middle and
high
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school having flexible uh learning spaces will allow us to be more flexible
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in our development and changing and rewriting of curriculum so that we can say topical so we can provide content
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for kids in areas that are going to help them move on to the next level as opposed to having constantly things that
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are the same and not connected to the actual job market that kids will be looking to go into so having those
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spaces with modular Furniture to be able to turn things around and move them based on what it is that we're
trying to
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create is very critical to this process and that's what we mean when we talk about flexible learning space the other
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question and this did come to me again at U at the uh Rotary meeting why can't
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third graders just stay where they are because they everybody sees this as the number one reason why something
like
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this won't happen it's really very simple all right um we talked about the
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inability to add space to your existing elementary schools there is no room to
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go up or to go out so the really is one option and One op well two options

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option one which we have dismissed would be the building of a learning a Early

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Childhood Center that would embrace all of kindergarten and preschool all right and that would take kindergarteners out

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of that building one we need we need property that we don't have two you're

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talking about brand new building and when you talk about affordability and the ability to do what we need to do now

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that's that's really a very untenable option at this particular point in time so the more fiscally responsible option

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which also from a curricular standpoint allows for the movement of sixth grade into Middle School is really the bright

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and the only option all right and the only way that we can do that is by moving third grade to the ues and moving

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sixth grade to the expanded Middle School that that's the optimum choice in

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terms of what it is that we can present this community that is both fiscally responsible and curricularly responsible

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because to do the other means you ignore the need to move sixth grade to middle school and you maintain a 456 building

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which we all agree is not best practice so that's where we are on that

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account why do we need HVAC upgrades well um you may have heard during the

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pandemic that we you know our quality of air and all those things were good we talked about those things well there's a

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reason for that all school districts particularly with the older units invested in higher grade filtration

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systems to ensure better quality of air coming into the building that are more

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that are higher rated than the equipment is made for and they put strain and

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stress on that equipment in order to maintain that all right and now the problem is that many of that many of

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those people pieces of equipment particularly at the elementary level the univent are outdated uh there R22 so the

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freon that they have when needs to be reloaded doesn't even is not made any longer so they can only get that freon

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by recapturing it from older units elsewhere and eventually that will run out parts that we need to repair or fix

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happen to become very difficult to find and so sometimes we stay in a in a state

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of disrepair and in a week like this that's unacceptable and secondly they're

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not economically friendly in terms of the cost of running them every single day so we are in desperate need of an

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upgrade to our HVAC systems that will take those univ vents out of play uh

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that will allow for higher rated filtration systems that don't put extra strain on those systems will be

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modernized and will actually run more efficiently so over the Long Haul will actually provide a savings to the

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district as it relates to energy cost um what can we do about Middle

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School and High School traffic well we've engaged a uh a traffic an analysis

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that's ongoing right now this plan will include incredible changes to traffic

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flow parking all kinds of things that were happening here at the high school a moving of the transportation department

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um creation of additional uh space at the high school by moving buildings and

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grounds and transportation out of the high school area completely so create additional instructional space in our

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high schools are also part of this plan so we are well aware of the concerns

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relative to traffic and we are engaged in that process and they and solving that problem will be a part of what it

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is that we put forward in a referendum and what about the pilot program and the housing so the district

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is working with the township it's ongoing uh I think that the the

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community recognizes the need that if you're going to bring new housing and new students into this community

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all right that's going to have an impact educationally on the cost all right so sharing that Revenue as a result of the

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pilot program is the right thing to do and I fully expect that this community will rise to that challenge for a lot of

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reasons one because it is the right thing to do but two because of the value of Education in this community to ignore

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that responsibility I think would be not tolerated let me put it that way

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all right so I believe that this will work out and the district will get its Shar of what it needs to be able to

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provide for those kids to come new to our

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community community concerns or responses so we did give opportunity in the survey for folks to give us some

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feedback and we really appreciate that feedback the community feedback is critical and it's happened in the survey

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it's happened by a way of email and there's critical things so one of the big ones was we don't want trailers all

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right we're not trailers are not part of what it is that we're providing and and quite frankly just from an educational

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standpoint um trailers are no longer in Vogue in any way shape or form they they

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they do have portable learning classrooms um that are at a whole

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different level than you probably remember from back in the day um but they're not part of this referendum we

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can assure you of that third graders shouldn't have more work I guess there's this sense that or at least belief that

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fourth and fifth grade are getting more work because they're in this model with the sixth graders no third grade

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curricularly will continue to be third grade all right that's very critically important and and more important to that

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is creating that atmosphere where our third graders feel welcomed and loved

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and part of you know an elementary setting the lack of tuition free full

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day kindergarten is an issue all right and these comments freeing opening up space is a possibility but

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the main thing that we talked about is that if this Community Values down the road the idea of taking advantage of

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money from the state for uh preschool expansion then you must have to wish and

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free full day kindergarten you are not eligible for that Grant plus a town like

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mown who values their education so much to be one of eight or nine districts in the entire state that doesn't offer full

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day tuition free kindergarten is something that I believe most people would agree needs to

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change Community concerns and our responses does the plan give um the high

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school Room to Grow I have already talked about this jumped ahead about uh myself so relocating transportation and

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buildings and ground Services would open up space for additional programming such as stem robotics vocational trades

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programs this would be that flexible learning space where we'll be able to morph if we want to bring in and develop

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an artificial intelligence program program to help our kids this is the kind of room and space that we're going to need to be able to take advantage of

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that and how can we offset the cost of this work well if approved the state will fund about 40% of eligible produ

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projects all right that'll offset tremendously what it is that we put forward um so developing that plan in

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such a way picking projects that we know that the state will support um is a big part of the work that still needs to be

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done and and we have a lot of work to do uh because we hope to be able to forward this plan to the

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by the end of July so there's work to be done planning boards to be met with things that need to go forward and then

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we wind up getting getting ourselves into a little bit of a wait and see pattern till we hear back from the state

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but that doesn't mean the work stops uh because I think the conversation needs to be ongoing the doors of communication

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you can go to the next one um need to happen all right so thoughtful suggestions about the community

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contributing many suggestions that continues to be ongoing all right I have made myself available and continue to

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make myself available as well as others to be able to talk about this to entertain questions and to try to build

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the level of support by number one first establishing the need support doesn't happen if people aren't convinced of the

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need all right so the why and the need are critical to this whole process

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because without that there's no need to answer a question all right so the questions out there because we we have a

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why and we have a need and we have clearly established that and we'll continue to do so so considerations for

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third and sixth grade transitioning uh I think that this is also a very critical element I mean the district already does

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that two years in a row now I got to attend Unity day it's remarkable to be in a place with all these kids because

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they know that they're all coming together but here's the one thing that I've learned because I've asked a question and I I I generally don't ask

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questions that I don't expect a certain answer to but because of your intense

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programming through parks and wreck and and other venues of scout and other clubs and activities that our kids are

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engaged and involved in they're already unified they know each other they're

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connected you know I asked the third graders by show of hands how many of you know somebody else from the other school

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and of course every kid in that room raised their hand and that's that's a point of Pride for the community and I

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think it's also one of the reasons why the district is as good as it is because bringing those kids together and

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developing that Quaker Pride at such a young age now fourth grade in the future hopefully third grade I think has a lot

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to do with the quality of of of of the students and their interconnectivity

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with one another which we know is a big part of their learning as they move forward through the middle school and

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the high school Community use of facilities there's always in need and

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this referendum is going to provide more facilities for this community to take advantage of particularly with the
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development of a full-size gymnasium here at the middle school which doesn't currently exist which is mind-
blowing to
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me all right so that's also going to be something in addition to others like the tennis courts like additional turf field
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any of those kinds of things are going to have great value beyond the academics and the school and be a plus and a
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positive for the community and ongoing a proactive Communications with all stakeholders
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that's a given all right I will continue to push information out the website is alive and well we're working very
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closely with our partner H and this will continue to be really I think the the
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the Lynch pin by which all of this turns people need to feel heard people need to have a place where they can go
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answer questions people need to uh be able to feel as though they're getting the information so that when we ask
them
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to go and vote they know why they're going to vote and they know what they're voting for and that's critical and
those
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of you in this room who are already on board with what it is I'm saying we need
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all the help that we can get in helping to convey that message in a positive way so we'll continue to work closely
with
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home and school we'll continue to work closely with the Union we'll continue to work closely um with other
contingencies
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in in in in the community to be able to help push this message forward and get people to embrace and understand
the
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importance of where we are at this point in time in your in your history here in
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mortown so General takeaways clearly the Community Values lower class sizes uh
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that was reverberated many times throughout the survey the primary focus on strong academic programming for
K to2
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students all students regardless of level regardless of ability regardless of need is an absolute Mainstay and
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strong focus in this community the community I believe is very much seriously interested in the investment
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in the future of our schools and that's a point of Pride once again for this community whether they be look when I
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spoke at Rotary the vast majority the people in that room were well beyond having children through this district
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and the numbers of people that came up after me wanting to help understanding the value of what were trying to
do was
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really quite overwhelming uh and obviously made me feel even better about this community uh and most respondents I

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do believe understand the need for Action you can't have one without the other if you value lower class sizes

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then you know you need to create space in order to create and make that happen and continue on that trajectory moving

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forward so I think that's the last slide of the presentation am I correct no continuing

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the conversation all right board approval of State submission we talked about that ongoing communication to the

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mortown community and ongoing opportunities to engage and ask questions is where we're moving forward now

that's a little link that takes you

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directly to the website um but most of you I'm sure have already been there and will continue to populate that and put

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more information particularly as this thing starts to take more crystal shape and we're able to get give more

information as it relates to that the

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one burning question that people always have what is this going to cost us all right we don't know the answer to that

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question yet all right and that's not that's not us not being transparent because I'll explain why that is one we

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don't have a dollar value and what we're going to ask for and once we do that then we need to know what the state's

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going to pay and once we have that then we'll be able to calculate what this is going to cost the local taxpayer that in

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combination with debt coming off the book so it's a mathematical calculations that is not able to be done at this

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particular point in time because there's too many things that depend upon that all right but you

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know being in this community now for 18 months knowing the kinds of things that

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we spend our money on and do things with if I know that I can upgrade the schools

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for which my children are attending the schools that I hope my grandchildren will attend the schools that I know maintain and help create a community

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that is so vibrant and so desirable um then an investment into that future is

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uh is the right thing to do so uh I'm not I'm not overly concerned about that

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because it's not the it's really not the what it's the why and I think I think folks in this community understand that

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and I'm banking on it so in any event uh I'll take any questions from the board because I don't think I can open

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questions to the public certainly you guys have the chance to come up any questions at all from board members

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any questions I was just going to say thank you Joe it's very helpful to just get
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the perspective of not just what people want but also what the concerns are um
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we look forward to seeing the what the administration puts forward um clearly
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there's a lot of balancing um that has to happen um of all the priorities and the wants and the needs um so thank
you
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for continuing to to keep us a of what's happening I'm going to ask you
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to stay there okay um because Carol's going to jump back up for a an
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additional retirement okay great sorry she came in here she came in
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we saw you come in we no no problem no problem I we saw you come in we wanted to make sure that we
honored
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you take your time take your time that's
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okay phis over here you're going to get a certificate from our Bo vice president
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and our superintendent I'll read real quick again Phyllis has served as a pair professional for our transportation
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department for the last four years she helped support our students to and from school we appreciate her
commitment and
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dedication to our community and we wish you all the best in your next Adventures [Applause]
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all right with that we will move on to board committee reports um Melissa do
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you have communications Communications committee did not meet this month uh but we're
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looking forward to getting those engagement forms off the ground and running for the fall uh specific to the
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referendum thank you any questions for
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Melissa all right uh Danielle for curriculum the curriculum committee met
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on June 14th the members in attendance were myself jacquelyn Barnes Brooke
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mayatt and charl mcoplus administration was Dr Benton and Mr bandorf we first
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discussed the creation of a new position restructuring the assistant principal of
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element El programming and administrative reconstructing this was an operational need for a dedicated
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administrator to fill in at the elementary schools when absences emergency special projects things came
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up this was a budget neutral position um change in
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title um next we discussed summer curriculum writing for
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2024 and the different types of categories of how this curriculum
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um is to be completed the writing um then we discussed field
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trips the math pilot um there were a couple of textbook updates for World
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language for AP French and AP Psychology and then we discussed World Language
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trip options which included School sponsored trips as well as study abroad
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any questions
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double push sorry so my question is um I had asked a couple of times over the
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course of the year whether or not the curriculum committee could look into academic recognition for students for
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example the Middle School awards and the High School academic achievement things
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like Quaker scholar just trying to understand uh what the criteria are and
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are we being consistent and have we looked to peer schools to see how are we
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stacking up to how they um recognize student achievement I know that we don't
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um for a lot of great reasons do ranking but so we have these other special ways
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has the curriculum committee had a chance to discuss that and look into it we opened up discussion on that in
May
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um and I'll follow up with Karen she was going to look into some of those specifics last month um yeah thanks
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thank you Danielle any other questions uh moving on to Mr weeks for
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finance and operations certainly all right thank you so um we met May
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29th I um I was there uh claudian Morano
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Jacqueline Barnes and Cheryl mopolis along with the administration represented by James Heiser Joe bandorf
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Karen Benton and Carol Butler so so we started off with a conversation about the successful refunding of our uh
bonds
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from previous years 2014 and uh the savings that we were
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able to achieve by by doing that refunding so thanks again for that uh we
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talked about a proposal for a mural at Baker which was approved and that's going to move forward uh there was a
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munici bid um offering uh we found a sufficient amount of equipment to make the sale net positive got more for
the
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equipment that it cost to advertise to sell it um we discussed the extraordinary Aid Grant application and
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got a preview of what that might look like from our our business administrator uh there was a a pinkt Cru
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typ in that had to we had to refine the process that was that was used and and be clear about what that process
should
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be that was discussed and um a proposal put forward for the future uh processes
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that would make that all work the way it's supposed to uh as Mr bandorf
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mentioned in the last presentation the uh we discussed the traffic study that was conducted it will be coupled with
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the previous traffic study that was done back in 2017 U there were several new job
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descriptions uh as Carol Butler continued with the process of revising all the job descriptions making sure
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they match the template that we had that um covers everything that needs to be covered in those job descriptions
and
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cleans those up we discussed the uh school calendar
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uh so soon the board should see proposal for start and end dates for
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the next three years because Labor day is going to be very late we're talking about starting prior to Labor Day so
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that we get out of school before the end of June um that's that's basically it so and we can also fit in all the
holidays
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and everything and and and continue our 182 day school year for our students um we discussed the uh creation
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of assistant principal of Elementary programming um and that position is is
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being created and administration's working on that and then we finish with a discussion of referendum which
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included the traffic study that was mentioned already and a general update and I think we know now that uh
there'll
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be office hours for board members to learn more about the uh proposals uh for
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the referendum as that's developing so that was basically what we discussed any questions
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no okay turn it back to you Miss Madam vice president thank you Mick one I sorry one
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question or just clarification on that the start and end dates for the three years are on for on the C on The Tonight
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Tonight yes I just wanted to clarify thank you um policy policy thank you uh
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we met on June 11th it was myself Melissa arara Burns Jill Fallows m Uso Markville NOA Mr bandorf and Dr Benton
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um we also got an update on the new position for the assistant principal of Elementary programming um they like
to
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kind of circle it through the committee so we're all aware um I think that we
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have I'm going to cover it this way we have a lot of policies on first reading and we have a lot on second reading
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second reading I'm not going to outline you have it in the agenda we we talked about them last time the policies
are
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first first reading um include our substance abuse policy revisions which I'll I'll go into a little bit shortly
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um 5530 and then we have a series of um equity and School curriculum content um
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Equitable education opportunities and guidance counseling uh policies which are mandatory policies that we get
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updates from from the state when the administrative code is updated so these are uh policies that have to be
amended
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by the board um and without change from us so 5530 our substance abuse policy as
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you know we've spent probably the last four months five months um looking at it in the context
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of experiences from our buildings and what they've had to deal with with trying to work around the regulation
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related to the policy so we've um taken on looking at the
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regulation which is the more detailed version than the broader policy and and
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we've decided that there's a lot more work to do um we're putting this up for first reading as a prelim preliminary
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first stage of changes at the recommendation of Mr bandorf and
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requests of the buildings because they'd like to have some of these changes in place before the start of the new
school
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year um in particular the the changes that would be helpful to the buildings
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is a little bit more flexibility um in the um level of disp
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in terms of suspensions and banning from extracurricular activities that may be
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going beyond the school year that extend into the fall um so we've looked at kind
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of ways to give that um give the buildings an opportunity to kind of work within the policy so that's what you're
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looking at most of the changes are in the regulation that you're going to be doing first reading today the policy
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change is a complete substitution so what we've did did learn when we finally got our hands in there is that that
we
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had a pretty outdated policy and we looked at Strauss esme's more modern version of the policy to amend ours to
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look like it would have been um you know just a redo so we're taking the Strauss
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smme recommendation and adopting that as our policy which is very Broad and just to remind everyone because
we get caught
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in the discussion of discipline and and suspensions the substance abuse policy is about substance abuse it's about
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providing supports and prevention and corrective you know measures for students that are dealing with a
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substance abuse problem it kind of morphs into some of the disciplinary issues when when we have to deal with
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that situation but also reformative and and and supportive policy so when you
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read that policy it reads much more about substance abuse and less about discipline where our regulation gets
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into the nitty-gritty um there's one more policy that's on for abolishment which is um just a redundancy that stra
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s May recommended to the administration and then we do that so you'll see a variety of topics in there any
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questions thank you Cline any questions from the board okay we will then move on
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to our first public comment on agenda action items um just a reminder that
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this is not a Q&A um but we can so your your questions can be addressed at a
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later time um and please leave your comments to 3 minutes um so with that if
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anybody would like to come up for public comment oh do I need a motion I need a motion to open public
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comment sorry all in
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favor any opposed thank you floor is open
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hi I'm uh Steely Coleman I'm at 25 East Main Street um thank you Claudine for
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some of um that clarification about the policy updates because I did have some
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questions about the substance abuse changes because there were some inconsistencies
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I think that especially with the extra extracurricular um
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consequences and one section it says you know that this is what will follow 60
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day can't you know participate in extracurricular and then um later in the
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section that's not included it's struck out and says like there's no repercussions so I didn't know if that
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was um an error or if like you said it's sort of just the first read and you're
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kind of working through it um but that is inconsistent and I just I understand
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it like going into the next school year would be difficult but I don't want to take away from the importance of
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realizing that sub you know like if you're out at a party drinking or whatever that like that's going to
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affect your ability to play sports um go to model Congress all those other things
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um my other questions were about the focus on

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the future referendum um um discussion thank you very much Joe an

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amazing presentation I think a lot of questions were answered

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um some that are outlying and I don't know if they represent a big portion of

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the community or if they're just sometimes the loudest portion of the community that um I've come across in

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discussions out there um there's a lot of talk about this being a temporary

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problem that the school schools are not going to continue at this level of uh

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enrollment and that um eventually we're going to have too much empty space and

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you know why are we looking to create a

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um permanent solution to a temporary problem I went back and did my research I saw like from what's posted online

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from 2017 that our enrollment has increased I did my research I looked at

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enrollment and Burlington County and mortown specifically that we continue to grow as a community um but I didn't know

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if there was anything more solid than just me saying it if anyone else has

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been um researching that data if there's anything that can be provided to the

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community that sort of proves or shows whether or not this is a long-term um

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investment or if it's just something that needs to happen right now um valid

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concern either way um I do think I know that you can't give like

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specific amount on what this might cost to the average household but a range

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maybe so if we're talking like thousands of dollars a year for the average household or \$20 a year for the average

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household if a range can be provided so that some of like the biggest questions

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about like this is going to you know break your taxes like the bank um that would be helpful just to have

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that information um and then if you can start to wrap up

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please sure thing um one question that came up a lot was the sixth grade also

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moving to the middle school and what that would look like for curriculum um concerns about sixth graders still also

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being young to be with eighth graders and whether that's being um addressed and assessed and then um what will

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happen if this passes okay we have two years until um thank

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you there's no one waiting um so if this does pass it probably will not right be built

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for two years and what the interim plan for the need now would be

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thanks thank you any other public

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comment okay as seeing none I will ask for a motion to close public comment

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all in favor thank you very much sure go

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ahead I know we don't normally do Q&A and that's not my intention but if you're being asked questions like this

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in the community I would like to be able to provide you with I think our valid

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answers to some of those questions particularly as it relates to this concern of a temporary problem uh that

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may be true if you're already offering preschool and full day kindergarten which you are not so programming and

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population I think both enter into this equation so even if for any reason in

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moving forward in time the population took a downturn and are stabilized you

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would then create more room to be able to provide more opportunity in area particularly of preschool education

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which you don't have now so I don't I don't think that there is enough room in

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any scenario to provide provide full prek in the current buildings that we

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have even with this expansion so the notion that we're going to overbuild and not have and have too much room is

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absolutely incorrect when you factor in preschool education and I think that that needs to be kept into the

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conversation um with regards to the work that we're doing out of committee um we are looking at bifurcated things because

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I do think that when you join a club or activity or a sport um there is a sign off that you have relative to that that

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if you engage in certain behaviors you're out so the fact that you know so redundancy is an issue and making sure

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that those things that are in fact redundant are consistent are actually a bigger problem than the redundancy so I

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think that the board is really taking a measured approach to ensure that all those things are actually in place and

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those kinds of things live where they need to live um because at the end of the day we're talking about education

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and I think anything else that you're getting out there I told the one woman that was sitting near you as she left

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please email me those questions I'm keeping a file of things that are out there topical and interested to people

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and I'm happy to discuss them thank you okay thank you

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Joe um we'll move on to are there any offboard committee

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updates go ahead good evening I'm going to be

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giving the update for More arts um More arts awarded over uh almost I'm sorry

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\$5,000 in scholarships last week at the senior recognition reception um and I believe tonight we are approving um a

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teacher grant for the high school for next year um last night uh More arts uh

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hosted a concert on The Community House lawn and also Story Time and a quick

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announcement if anyone is interested in getting involved in More arts they do have a few uh board positions available

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um so if you're interested in getting uh involved you can uh look them up on Facebook and Instagram uh m o o r a r TS

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and that's all I have for More arts thank you so much good evening everyone um I uh

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attended the last speak meeting um and although I was online and I'm not really

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sure who saw who realized that was online uh because there was a

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pretty decent turna and Mr Bol was there to talk about uh the referendum and answer questions um as was Dr Tate of

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course I just wanted to encourage anyone to or everyone to connect with speak on

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Facebook uh over the summer there's still information that speak puts out including resources and support that are

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useful um all year round not just during the school year um also the Unified

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sports banquet was held on this past Thursday the 13th um myself Jackie and Danielle were

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able to be there uh to help celebrate these athletes and there were a lot of athletes and it was uh it was quite an

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amazing experience there were awards given out Varsity letters were

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distributed a visit from the 76ers mascot um music provided of course by

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our very famous DJ Blake uh there was a lot of just love and after and beautiful

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camaraderie and support it was a wonderful celebration frankly organized

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by some of the most amazing parents uh in our community who are truly an asset

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so next year if you all hear about this banquet coming up which you definitely will please pay attention and ATT send

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if you can because it is it's a wonderful uh Community engagement that

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we can all be a part of thanks thank you Melissa anything

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else Al righty we'll move on to the business of the board reports to the board um can I get a motion for the

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approval of items one through five the business administrator board secretary

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reports approval of budget transfers approval of bills uh can I get a motion for one

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through five all in favor I

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maor extensions okay can I move

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on um nine recommendations of the superintendent a can I get a motion for

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a by annual affirmation of 2024 2025 safe return remote learning program can

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I get a motion second any absent any NOS or

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abstentions all in favor sorry I should have started there I'm not getting

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graded am I um B policies and procedures uh first

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reading do I have to read them no just say items one through three items one through three can I get a

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motion all in favor any n or

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extensions moving on to educational program items 1 through six can I get a

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motion all in favor I any Nays or

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abstention thank you uh next is D finance and

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business one through 22 can I get a

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motion second all in

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favor any Nays or

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extensions all righty employee relations 1 through 32 this is roll call

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correct can I get a motion move

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roll call sorry coms any questions or

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comments Miss Sara Burns yes Mrs Barnes yes Mrs FS Macaluso yes Dr Mike yes Mrs

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Miller yes Mrs Morano yes Mr weeks yes Mrs

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mopis yes Mr vill NOA thank you also Jam

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this is as amended in executive session correct apologies for not saying that up

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front um and then 10 and

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11 do I need a motion for those 10 is just suspensions and hi report

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informationals 11 um for 12 old business I need to um we need to get an

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approval of the settlement and general release with respect to the UN un Cal placement I discussed in executive

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session can I get a motion for

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approval all in favor any Nays or

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extensions any other old

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business thank you any any new

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business all righty we will then move on to our second public comment of the

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meeting um this is on any educational issues um that are of importance to the

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community again it's not a Q&A um we ask you that you please keep your comments

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to three minutes can I get a motion to open the floor for public

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comment all in favor any Nays or extensions Okie doie go ahead hi

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Elizabeth Pard 64 Brooks Road okay I'm trying not to get emotional as

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our family's time in the district comes to an end I wanted to take a minute or three to thank every single teacher

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coach therapist principal secretary member of the staff and administration

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and the board for your positive impact on our family during the last 12 years we moved here in 2012 almost entirely

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for the schools they never disappointed I appreciate and realize

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how fortunate my kids have been in to not only have had a stellar education but also to have had the privilege of

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learning in a safe and nurturing environment because of each person who has touched their lives they are happy

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and thriving and ready to move on to the next phases of their lives as productive and empathetic members of

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society I want to mention how grateful I am as well for allowing me to be a Joiner I've had so many fun R the so

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much fund during the last 12 years and all of my volunteer jobs I mean positions there are so many people I

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would like to thank individually from South Valley to the ues to whams to the high school but I would regret leaving

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anyone out so to anyone who ever taught coached advised encouraged supported or

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shall I say redirected Matthew or Ryan I am grateful I'll do a little bragging

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and say I can only recall one incident that fits this description but I won't tell you which child it was

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about I asked Matthew and Ryan to share with me who had made an impact on them and I can honestly say no few than 20

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names were mentioned I was going to list the names but I don't want to leave anybody out

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but I'll say from I'll stray from that plan and say he left Mr O'Reilly was mentioned by both of my

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kids just in this room I could list no fewer than 10 people with whom I've had incredibly meaningful conversations and

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friendships some of you are here some are here some are behind me um new name for the U how about moris

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elementary school simple says what it is um even though after Thursday I will no

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longer have a child in this District I will support all of you in every way I possibly

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can um we also have a great night plan for our seniors for Project Graduation that I've been working on and with

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people for four years now and I hope all of you will be there to to cheer our kids on on Main Street thank you very

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much for all the last 12 years for everything you all have done for the kids and go class of 2024 thank

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you thank you [Applause]

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hi I'm Rebecca Russo and I teach at the high school um I would like to take a moment to commend a few of my colleagues

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so congratulations Mel antler for another Stellar uh year producing the yearbook all the students were extremely

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happy with the yearbook uh the nutshell literary magazine was also published by Miss Morgan and her club that includes

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many examples of poetry and works from several students we would like to also thank the interact Club advisers Tim

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Hurley Liz Everett Monica Bell and Julie schwen for their work all year long

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working with students helping them to create Community Service events in Morristown and in other communities we

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are grateful for their dedication to the students at MHS thank

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you thank [Applause] you hi uh my name is Barb Rogers and I

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teach at the ues and I would like to take a moment and commend my my colleagues at Baker the third graders at

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Baker School performed in their last concert under the direction of music teacher Kristen

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Duran um the concert was filled with songs about moon stars and following your dreams several songs were

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choreographed and used sign language there were other special effects such as star projectors ribbon wands and
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confetti the concert ended with an emotional goodbye to the students with a slideshow of their pictures while
they

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sang A Million Dreams we wish our third graders the best of luck at the ues

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baker third grade students had an awesome end of your experiences last week on June 11th the students joined

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together with the third graders from Roberts and South Valley for an orientation at the ues Additionally the

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students went to The Community House where they celebrated becoming one whole class of 2033 oh my God

okay um at The

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Community House students joined together with their pen pals in order to get to know another third grader from a
different Elementary School following

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the time at the community house the baker third grade students returned to school to begin decorating reusable

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grocery bags they then refilled the bags with the food that they collected for their community service project a
food

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drive for the bethl am Church food pantry and last Friday the baker third

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grade students walked to the food pantry to deliver the food and learn a little bit more about how they were able
to

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help their Community finally Baker celebrated the retirement of our beloved principal secretary Mrs Marine petrilli

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with a luncheon in our honor Mrs patril served for 11 years at the media secretary at South Valley she then moved

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on to Baker's main office where she spent the remainder of her 25 years of service to the district Mrs patelli is

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much loved by all the baker bears and will be sorely missed we wish her health happiness and all the best in her

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retirement thank you hi I'm Stacy Davis 420 North Church

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Street I just wanted to say thank you to everybody that this every month um and

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puts on the video it's very important and helpful helpful to me because I do work nights and I do have young
children

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so it's hard to get here so when someone wanted to switch shifts with me on the 18th I was like yes so I could just
be

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here but it was a little bit of a learning curve because I like to hit calls a lot while I'm writing everything down but I
did want to thank you it is

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super helpful it helps me keep up to date with things that are going on thank

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you James you taught me how maturing bonds work so that was great and thank you Joe you

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are very concise every month and I think it's great thank you thank

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you I'm Leslie Clen teacher here at whams and this is my Swan Song in front

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of the board so I wanted to take a moment or two to commend some of my colleagues and all the good works that

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they've been up to lately first I'd like to recognize Mr Hine who's one of our eighth grade science teachers here at

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whams he is also uh our sponsor for our Coral science fair and this year several

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of our students earned Awards which was wonderful I want to say that all of us at whams really appreciate Mr
hein's

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hard work and the dedication to his students as well as our students Wonder in the world of science the science
fair

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as all you parents who have been involved in science fair on the you know home end know that it requires a lot of

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time organization preparation and Mr Hine just knocked it out of the park

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this year so kudos to him we'd also like to recognize another one of our eighth grade teachers this time Mr Wilson
in

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our civics class uh he led the kids in the New Jersey stock market game where

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um Middle School Division uh allowed contestants to invest

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\$100,000 in online simulation uh of the global Capital markets where they would

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manage stocks bonds and mutual funds and we would like to give a special Rec

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recognition to Xander Kane who won first place in New Jersey it was really

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amazing so thank you to Mr Wilson and a big shout out to Xander this year uh

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another another hat that Mr hinwar is he leads our entrepreneurship club which is

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one of our newer clubs here at Rams and this year for their culminating project

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uh the students in the entrepreneurship Club designed water bottle stickers as you all know water bottles or
ubiquitous

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so they designed stickers and they were for sale during the wham's lunch periods

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and the sale was very successful and all the profits went towards student funds here at whams and finally we'd like
to

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talk about um Miss O'Brien who is not only our beloved theater teacher but she

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also runs the dance club which was started this year at whams the students enjoyed choreographing their own
dances

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teaching them to one another the dance club also proved to be a fabulous warmup for this School Musical and
almost all

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of the members auditioned for and ended up participating in our musical Rock of

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Agnes the youth Edition so a big thank you to Miss O'Brien for her dedication working with the students of Whams and

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finally I'd like to put on my mom hat for a minute because not only am I retiring in two days but I have a

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student graduating in two days so I have a member of the class of 2024 so I want

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to give recognition to all of the folks who worked so hard in classrooms while I

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was working in mine to give my daughter the most fabulous education that anyone

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could ever ask for she's going to be going to TCJ in the fall she's going to be studying to be a teacher of the de Ed

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and that's all due to our wonderful staff and the support from the board in the admin thank you all so much thank

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you uh I'm Britney Sheridan uh I'm a special education teacher at the UES uh I'd like to commend to my

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colleagues as well uh the UES students artwork was on display at the community house during Moristown Day there were

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over 100 vibrant pieces that hung throughout the room it was a beautiful day and many families attended we would

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especially like to thank Marissa Pasini and Katherine MOSI uh also UES fourth and fifth grade students attended field

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day this month behind the UES uh students got to participate in all types of activities our UES PE teachers Carrie

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Douglas D. Lynch and Sean Anstey did a wonderful job facilitating this event thank

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you hi my name is Stephanie Ronaldson and I'm the art teacher at Roberts School and I would like to commend my

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colleagues at Roberts um the third grade teachers Rosemary Anderson Melanie Axit Maryan Baker and Sue Pal along with

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their power professionals Daniela McCracken Kathy Barone Lisa Sebastiani and Denise Mman Hag um they've worked

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really hard to make the third grade end of the year very special for their students as they graduate from Roberts School um they organized walking trips

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to the Smith Cadbury Mansion to celebrate their Moristown unit where they studied the history of our town and then

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the students were able and it was actually today they had Colonial Day today and it was fun to watch them all play the colonial games the stuff that

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children played before we had video games and the joy that they have um it's fun to watch and the home in school

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was instrumental in the success of the day and helping with all the activities so thank you thank to all of the staff

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involved who spent countless hours outside of the workday to plan and facilitate these events Roberts looks

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forward to clapping out the third grade students and wishing them well as they move on to the next stage of their mortown educational

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career thank [Applause]

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you hi I'm Mickey Rodriguez and I work at the high school and I would like to commend my colleagues at South Valley

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the kindergardeners at South Valley participated in a butterfly unit where they were encouraged to think like scientists students learn about the life

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cycle of a butterfly through books and other media and then watched the process unfold Before Their Eyes by observing

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baby caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies during the unit students learned to make predictions make careful

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observations record their findings and have turn and talk conversations with their peers they were also encouraged to

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be curious and ask and answer questions along the way students worked in butterfly journals to record their

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observations each day at the end of the unit the students left the butterflies free in our South Valley Garden this is

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always a fun and memorable moment for the students Mrs de's third grade class was invited to the moristown town

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council meeting on June 6th to read their essays why I am proud of my community bless you bless you you're

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welcome the mayor and Deputy Mayor came into her classroom to see some of the activities that are done during their study of mortown it was then when she

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was invited them to come to the meeting thank you thank you [Applause]

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hi I'm uh cely Coleman 215 East Main Street um I know it's not a question and

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answer but just something if it could be clarified whether or not the um traffic study is already completed or ongoing um

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there were questions about the neighborhoods surrounding the school not being involved in um that traffic study

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and whether that would be addressed or was addressed um and then I wanted to

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just suggest that the student safety data system report be uploaded to The

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District page um the most recent update is from June of

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2022 um and the one that was presented last uh meeting um was like when I went back and

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looked was fantastic and I think it should be celebrated just some of the reports just shows like the dedication

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of teachers here and the strides that they're doing with um seal and just
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really providing a safe place for our students um and I don't know like I've
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talked to people about this monthly uh summary of actions report that's at the end of every um board ofed agenda
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don't know what it is or if it's used but I would suggest maybe looking at that to um incorporate some of the
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restorative practices andal initiatives that are discussed in that report um so
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that everyone can sort of see what is being done in the school by these wonderful teachers last thing
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um Mrs Clen uh Mr Williams and Mr Bon all taught me here at school actually Mr
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Williams was his first day um was my first day of sixth grade so to see him
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now uh retire was really crazy um I don't they're so young and which means
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I'm so young and that could not be true so but thank you so much for all of your
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dedication um it's why I stand up here every month because of people like that
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um um and I don't know I don't have this information but the clap out for 2024
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class I don't didn't have that so if anyone could share that information about what happens um for that clap out
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would be great thanks thank
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you good evening I'm Christina Milligan I'm here representing home and school this evening um this year home
and
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school made significant contributions to our students experiences thanks to the support of our members
volunteers and
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Community Partners during the 2023 24 school year home and school invested
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over \$100,000 I'll say that again we invested over
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\$100,000 um in our students thanks to our
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volunteers and these this included campaigns organized to provide support
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to our teachers and staff our website has a detailed list of what we accomplished at all six of our schools
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this year so I invite all of you to go check that out um we'd like to thank our members for their continued support
and
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on behalf of our trustees some of who are here in our little matching outfits um we'd like to thank you the board
for
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your support and we look forward to continuing working with the board and the administration next year thank
you

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thank [Applause] you I'm Nicole Dancy I'm the current

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president of hman school and I have some thank yous that I would like to give to

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home and school members volunteers and the community thank you so much for volunteering and making many generous

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donations we know that for many of you this was a add-on to many other things

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that you are involved in including your careers your family and other volunteer opportunities we appreciate that you

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were willing to serve and hope you know we always value your time and your input

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it was wonderful to work with you for that we are truly grateful to the Board of Education it has been our pleasure

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establishing a positive relationship between an interim superintendent Mr bandorf the president of the Boe Mark

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vill NOA the members of the Boe and the home in school having the support and

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open lines of communication is an essential part of any successful relationship the trustee board looks

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forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship with the superintendent and the Board of Education thank you for

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hearing and supporting our efforts to the principes teachers and staff we want

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to extend our sincerest appreciation for the Monumental impact you've made on our

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students Learning Journey your passion for teaching has inspired them to

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strive for excellence and we are so thankful for the invaluable lessons

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you've imparted we are so fortunate to live in a district that is rich in Opportunities and resources thank you

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for your continued partnership and Home in school last but not least to home and

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school trustees and board members Morristown home and school is a respected and regarded Association and

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it has been such a privilege and an honor to be a part of a leadership team

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that continues to strive for the betterment of the district and the Community homman School's reputation is

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enhanced by the many professionals who contribute their time and expertise and advancing the association I have been

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for forunate to have worked with worked closely with such qualified board and committee members and appreciate all

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you've done and continue to do for home in school as my th three-year tenure comes

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to an end two years as Treasurer and one year as president I want to thank the home and school board members for the

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opportunity to serve in these capacities each of you has generously given your

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time to make tough decisions and act in the best interest of the Association

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students and the community words are not enough to express the Gratitude I hold in my heart

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for all of you again thank you to home and school for the opportunity to serve

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I walk away with memories and friendships that I will forever cherish and I would like to turn on my mom hat

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as well I have a graduating senior and I thank wholeheartedly Mr Rodriguez we

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were new to the district and he became our um her guidance counselor and he

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always was very helpful so thank you thank [Applause]

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you I would just like to take a moment to actually give Nicole a round of applause from all of us for her year of

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service I have had the pleasure of teaching her daughter for two years and

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she I'm I'm very proud of her and I know her mom is proud of her and she will go on

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to do great things um but I would like to thank Nicole for her dedication her

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Integrity honesty her openness and her willingness always to meet and all of

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the home school trustees who do an excellent job in every building they are completely transparent they are open to

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suggestions they're always willing to sit down and listen I know they've had open conversations with Mr borf and

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they've appreciated that and I speak for the entire mea when I say we are grateful for everything that you do so

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many of the things we offer to our students whether it's a piano or an assembly or a picnic table or anything

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else it's provided by you and I know volunteering is a lot of time I've been

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in this district for 34 years and I have seen the ups and downs and you are an

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excellent group I appreciate all of your service thank

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you any other public comment uh seeing none I will ask for a

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motion to close public comment all in favor I any nay or

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abstentions all right anything for the good of the order

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a few people have mentioned the clap out but talk about a

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community building wonderful exciting event you cry these aren't even your

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kids and you're just so proud of them and our district and everyone comes

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together it's a great night and just meet on Main Street anywhere you like the buses will drive by it's a really

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great time so I hope to see everybody there thank you

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Melissa with that can I get a motion to

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adjourn all in favor I any n or abstentions congrats to the class of

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2024 have a great summer everyone