

Midland Public Schools

Inspiring Excellence

Superintendent Communiqué

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SPECIAL EDITION

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Enhancement Millage RENEWAL on August 7 Ballot!



RENEWAL of the 1.5 mills Midland County Enhancement Millage will be on the August 7 Ballot.

Midland County voters approved an enhancement millage of 1.5 mills for 5 years in May of 2009 and then renewed it for an additional 5 years in February of 2014.

This Enhancement Millage raises approximately \$4.8 million annually for Midland Public, Bullock Creek, Coleman and Meridian Schools.

If passed, Midland Public Schools will utilize the Enhancement Millage dollars for school safety and security initiatives, textbooks & curriculum enhancements, CTE (career and technical education), support for the arts and co-curricular activities, and much more.

VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IF YOU'D LIKE TO AVOID ROAD CONSTRUCTION AROUND POLLING SITES. Call the Midland City Clerk's Office at 837-3310 or the Midland County Clerk's office at 832-6739 for info about casting your vote via Absentee Ballot. They will be happy to answer your questions and/or send an absentee ballot. You may also go to the city/county clerks' offices to request an absentee ballot and then vote on-site.

Here is a link to an Enhancement Millage brochure with information: <https://www.midlandps.org/2018-enhancement-millage-brochure>

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600 E. Carpenter, Midland, Michigan 48640*

MPS Administrative Announcements

Ms. Penny Miller-Nelson has been with MPS since 2008



as Secondary Curriculum/CTE Coordinator.

As of July 1, 2018, we are excited to announce that Ms. Miller-Nelson has assumed the role of Associate

Superintendent with the retirement of Janet Greif. Ms. Miller-Nelson earned her

Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State

University in 1996; her Masters Degree from MSU in 2001 and her Education Specialist Degree in educational leadership from Saginaw Valley State University in 2006.

Dr. Alison Cicinelli joins the MPS staff as our Secondary



Curriculum Specialist. She comes to us

from the Saginaw ISD. She has provided supports in Saginaw County schools since 2016 at the district, elementary and secondary levels. Dr. Cicinelli holds a

Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan

University, a Master's Degree from Saginaw Valley State University and a Doctoral Degree from Central Michigan University.

Mr. Matt Murphy joins the H. H. Dow High Charger staff as an Assistant Principal. Mr. Murphy comes to us from Mount Pleasant Public Schools, where he most recently



served as assistant principal and athletic director at Mount Pleasant Middle School. He previously taught science at

Oasis High School and Mount Pleasant High School. Matt is a 1999 Midland High School graduate and holds Bachelor's and

Master's degrees from Michigan State University.



MPS CONNECT is a great communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or a member of our staff will do all we can to reply to your message the next work day. Click here to connect with me: <https://goo.gl/forms/ciB8b7FAMXb4pQxN2>

Looking for work around your child's school schedule?

MPS is or will be seeking ...

- Paraprofessionals
- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Office Professionals
- Substitute Paraprofessionals



Click on this link for information:

<https://www.midlandps.org/content/human-resources>

or call (989) 923-5021!

New job postings are posted on Tuesdays throughout the school year.
Keep checking back for new opportunities.

We are gearing up for the 2018-19 School Year and are looking forward to welcoming more than 7,600 students on September 4!



NEW STATE GUIDELINES REGARDING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

In late June, Gov. Snyder signed House Bill 4069 that allows us to employ a substitute teacher without a teaching certificate

- **if the individual has at least 60 semester hours***
- OR
- **an associate degree**

*the 60 credit hours do not need to be from the same institution.

House Bill 4069 goes into effect September 24, 2018.

If you have questions or are interested in getting the "ball rolling" to be a substitute teacher for Midland Public Schools, contact our substitute teacher provider, **EDUStaff**.

877-974-6338
www.EDUStaff.org

BUS DRIVERS and PARAPROFESSIONALS are needed in our TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT for the 2018-19 School Year!



Interested in working with children? Want the same days off as your child?
Consider becoming a member of the MPS Transportation Team!

Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Pass criminal background check
- **DRIVERS:** Pass pre-employment drug test, physical/back assessment
- **PARAS:** Pass physical/back assessment & Work Keys

Additional Details:

- Flexible schedule
- AM & PM routes available
- No experience required
- Paid training
- Both Regular & Sub Drivers and Paraprofessionals are needed



Salary:

- Bus driver: \$13.15/hour starting salary ... within four years: \$16.65/hour
- Paraprofessional/Sub Paraprofessional: \$9.45

Want to know more?

- Contact MPS Transportation (923-5041) today for info or to apply!

Here is a link to the **2018-19 District**

Calendar: <https://www.midlandps.org/userfiles/4/My%20Files/District%20Site/Community/18-19-Calendar-BOE-Approved-031918.pdf?id=1508>

Want to Volunteer during the 2018-19 school year?

Sign up today!



As part of the ongoing work to build school capacity for coordinating volunteer resources, MPS and United Way have partnered to increase volunteerism, student success and impact in our schools. Together, we have a greater collective impact on local education and will pave the way for the next generation to be ready for college, careers and 21st century citizenship.

Want to get involved? Click on this link for information and the registration form: <https://eportal.unitedwaymidland.org/servlet/eAndar.article/234/MPS-Volunteer-Application-Landing-Page/override/5937615649365773372D4E5432736330283F67407E3E?SA=702639>

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Renee Urlaub at urlaubrs@midlandps.org or 923-5034.

United for Success, our volunteer partnership with United Way of Midland County, is made possible in part by The Dow Chemical Company.

MPS Summer Hours

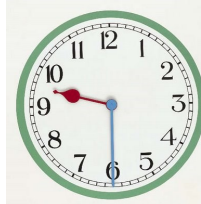
MPS secondary school offices are open all summer. Our elementary offices will officially re-open on August 13 for the 2018-19 school year.



During the summer, District employees work four 10-hour days (Monday thru Thursday) with all District buildings closed on Fridays.

The District will return to our 5-day work week beginning August 20.

2018-19 School Day Begin & End Times



Pre-Primary Center

⇒ Carpenter Street School
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

MPS Elementary Schools

⇒ Adams, Central Park, Chestnut Hill
8:40 am to 3:40 pm

⇒ Plymouth, Siebert, Woodcrest
8:55 am to 3:55 pm

MPS Secondary Schools

⇒ Jefferson Middle 7:55 to 2:40
⇒ Northeast Middle 8:05 to 2:50
⇒ H. H. Dow High, Midland High
7:40 am to 2:25/3:25 pm

MPS SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION

<http://chartwellsk12.compass-usa.com/MidlandPublicSchools>



Click on the above link for lots of great information about the MPS school lunch program and Chartwells, our food service provider.

Free and reduced breakfast and lunch applications can be filled out online at www.lunchapp.com. A NEW APPLICATION IS REQUIRED EVERY YEAR. A student who does not have a new application on file for the current year will be reset to full pay in October.

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www.midlandps.org

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YouTube Channel:

<http://midps.org/youtube>

Community Flyers:

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers/>

Administration	923-5001
Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Pre-Primary	923-6411
Central Park Elem.	923-6836
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Plymouth Elementary	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elementary	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

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wise thought to ponder ...

“Aaah, summer—that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility and rife with possibility. It’s a time to hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, conquer trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends. —Darell Hammond

