

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 2026
6:00 p.m. Public Session

Board of Education Office – Large Conference Room

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

2026-2027 District Goals

Goal 1: The Student Experience: Student Achievement, Teaching, and Learning

For the 2026-2027 school year, the district will prioritize instructional excellence by expanding a collaborative Universal Design for Learning (UDL) lesson library, integrating purposeful AI use to enhance efficiency, and embedding executive function skills into the curriculum. Simultaneously, the district will strengthen organizational growth by updating curricular standards in Rubicon Atlas, formalizing community partnerships, and fostering internal faculty leadership to drive professional development.

Goal 2: Communication, Community Engagement, and Outreach

Building upon our established social media and administrative channels, the district will enhance community engagement by refining communication formats, using stakeholder feedback, and National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) survey data. Additionally, we will continue to grow our township partnership and leverage relationships with parent organizations to foster strong, well-informed, two-way communication essential for student success.

Goal 3: Climate and Culture (Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)-Cultural Sensitivity, Health and Wellness, Resilience)

The district will continue to enhance the social-emotional learning environment by expanding the interdisciplinary SEL framework to promote student resilience and healthy life choices. We will align codes of conduct and core values across all schools to instill responsibility, respect, and consistent behavioral expectations. MTSD will continuously cultivate an inclusive, supportive culture where every student's well-being is uplifted and celebrated.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order – Board President

Statement of Open Meeting and Public Participation - Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, adequate notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail or email on the 11th day of January 2026 from the Board of Education offices maintained at 1014 Route 601, Skillman, NJ to the following: The Courier News, Montgomery News, Montgomery Township Clerk, and the Rocky Hill Borough Clerk.

The Board reserves the right to enter into Executive Session during all meetings of the Board of Education.

It is the School Board's intention to conclude this meeting no later than 9:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Victoria Franco-Herman
Christina Harris
Vanita Nargund

Julius Nunez
Francine Pfeffer
Maria Spina

Patrick Todd
Ting Wang
Kathryn Worland

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MTSD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT / PRESENTATIONS

- DLM and Access Testing Assessment Results

COMMITTEE/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Representative Reports

- MTEA Report
- Board Member Delegate/Representative Reports
(SCSBA, PTSA, MAC, Legislative, NJSBA, Ed. Services Commission, etc.)

Board Committee Reports

- Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction Committee (ACI)
- Operations, Facilities and Finance Committee (OFF)
- Policy and Communications Committee (PCC)
- Human Resource Committee (HRC)

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD – List of correspondence to the Board:

1. Email dated July 28, 2026 from Rich Specht regarding Third Act Volunteer Corps.
2. Email dated August 3, 2026 from Joanna Malecka regarding Student Led AI Framework.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to convene in executive session as follows:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of a meeting of which the public body discusses certain matters for which confidentiality is required as permitted in Section 7B of the act.

WHEREAS, the items that are permitted to be discussed in executive session are as follows:

- 1) a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
- 2) a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
- 3) material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
- 4) a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it
- 5) a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds
- 6) protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
- 7) pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
- 8) specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session
- 9) deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will be discussing items 3, 4, 7 and 8. Action may take place on these items. The matters discussed in executive session shall be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

Victoria Franco-Herman

Christina Harris

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES - It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following Board Meeting(s):

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| 1. July 28, 2026 | Special Meeting/Board Retreat |
| 2. July 28, 2026 | Business Meeting |
| 3. July 28, 2026 | Executive Session I |
| 4. July 28, 2026 | Executive Session II |

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages input from the public. Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to address the Board regarding the **Action Agenda items ONLY** for up to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. All comments must be directed to the Board. Before you make your comment, please state your full name and address and enter both on the chromebook provided. Being mindful of privacy rights regarding students, board employees, and board members, and to avoid any liability on the part of the speaker, the board discourages defamatory and discourteous remarks. The public comment portions of the meeting are not structured as question-and-answer sessions but rather are offered as opportunities for the public to share their thoughts with the Board. The Board may need to refer an issue to the superintendent if the issue has not been handled through the appropriate chain of command, usually starting at the school level. Responses may be provided at the end of this session.

ACTION AGENDA

1.0 ADMINISTRATIVE

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the administrative items as follows:

- 1.1 Routine Monthly Reports – Accept the following report:
 - a. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report
- 1.2 Policy/Regulation First Reading – Accept the following policy as a first reading:
5756 Transgender Students
- 1.3 Professional Development Plan Fiscal Impact – In accordance with the 2026-2027 district goals, the Board hereby approves the District’s Professional Development Plan Fiscal Impact in the amount of \$85,227 from district funds as presented and approved in the District’s Annual Budget and \$62,761 from Title IIA as approved in the ESEA FY27 Grant.
- 1.4 Professional Development Plan and Statement of Assurance – Approve the Professional Development Plan and the Statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 school year.

- 1.5 District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance – Approve the Statement of Assurance for the District Mentoring Plan for the 2026 - 2027 School Year.
- 1.6 Affirmative Action Officers 2026-2027 – It is recommended that the Board appoint the following personnel as Affirmative Action/504 Officers for the 2026-2027 school year:
- Katherine Upshaw (OHES)
 - Jessica Glover (VES)
 - Scott Pachuta (LMS)
 - Meghan Moore (UMS)
 - JP McAvaddy (MHS)
 - Kelly Mattis, AAO, District
 - Cory Delgado, 504, District
- 1.7 Anti-Bullying Specialists 2026-2027 – It is recommended that the Board appoint the following personnel as Anti-Bullying Specialists for the 2026-2027 school year:
- Wendy Gelinas, Melissa Patane-Schulter and Kristina Cassisa (OHES)
 - Lauren Fornal and Jolene Schantz (VES)
 - Kevin Armstrong and Brian Cooper (LMS)
 - Allison Doyle Smith, Amanda Huelbig and Christine Grossman (UMS)
 - Keith Glock, Maureen Conway and Jeanne Fedun (MHS)
 - Cory Delgado, District Anti-Bullying Coordinator

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the curriculum and instruction agenda as follows:

- 2.1 Special Olympics New Jersey (SONJ) Grant for the 2026-2027 School Year - Accept grant money in the amount of \$1,000.00 from SONJ for Unified Champion Schools (UCS) for Montgomery Upper Middle School.
- 2.2 Community Based Instruction: 2026-2027 - Approve the list of locations maintained in the Special Services Department for Community Based Instruction for the Montgomery Township School District for the 2026-2027 school year. Certificates of insurance will be provided for each location.
- 2.3 Work Based Learning: 2026-2027 - Approve the list of locations maintained in the Special Services Department for Work Based Learning for the Montgomery Township School District for the 2026-2027 school year. Certificates of insurance will be provided for each location.
- 2.4 Out-of-District Tuition Student – Accept the following Out-of-District Tuition Student at the Board-approved tuition rate for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student ID	Grade/School	Dates	Amount
103688	Grade 12, MHS	2026-2027 School Year	\$21,020

2.5 Out-of-District Placements: 2026-2027 – Approve the following Out-of-District Placements for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Student ID	School	TUITION			
		Dates	ESY	RSY	Total for Year
110726	Lakeview School	8/3/26 – 6/17/27 Revised	\$7,394.28	\$110,914.20	\$118,308.48
106729	Morris Union Jointure Commission	6/25/26 – 6/10/27	\$18,544.00	\$111,262.00	\$129,806.00
106295	Montgomery Academy	8/15/2026 – 6/17/2027 Withdrawn		(\$87,417.00)	(\$87,417.00)
106295	Newgrange School	9/3/26 – 6/18/26		\$68,372.56	\$68,372.56
107532	Mercer County Special Services School District	9/8/26 – 6/16/27		\$66,240.00	\$66,240.00
108767	Mercer County Special Services School District	9/8/26 – 6/16/27		\$66,240.00	\$66,240.00
104608	Mercer County Special Services School District 1:1 Aide	9/8/26 – 6/16/27		\$66,240.00 \$51,300.00	\$117,540.00
109431	Mercer County Special Services School District 1:1 Aide	9/8/26 – 6/16/27		\$66,240.00 \$51,300.00	\$117,540.00
108064	Mercer County Special Services School District 1:1 Aide	9/8/26 – 6/16/27		\$66,240.00 \$51,300.00	\$117,540.00
107199	Hunterdon Preparatory School	7/6/26 – 6/30/27 Withdrawn	(\$11,293.50)	(\$67,761.00)	(\$79,054.50)

2.6 Consultant Approvals for Special Services: 2026-2027 - Approve the following consultants for Special Services for the 2026-2027 School Year:

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
Summit Speech School	Itinerant Services	\$225.00 per session <i>*Not to Exceed \$45,000.00*</i>
Lewis Milrod, M.D., P.C.	Pediatric Neurology/ Neurodevelopmental Evaluation	\$900.00 per evaluation <i>*Not to Exceed \$18,000.00*</i>
Dr. Lisa G Hahn PH.D ABPP	Comprehensive INE including: • Parent Intake • Comprehensive neuropsychological testing including educational assessment • Record review • Feedback w/ parents • Report preparation	\$460.00 per hour
	Review of Extensive Records	\$230.00 per hour
	On-site Observations (Travel Cost Included)	\$460.00 per hour <i>*Not to Exceed \$14,000.00*</i>
Spectrum Support Services LLC	Special Education/Certified Teacher	\$75.00-\$95.00 per hour
	Paraprofessionals	\$34.00-\$40.00 per hour
	Speech Therapy	\$95.00-125.00 per hour
	Occupational Therapy	\$95.00-\$125.00 per hour
	BCBA	\$125.00-\$200.00 per hour
	Psychologist	\$100.00-\$130.00 per hour
		<i>*Not to Exceed \$10,000.00</i>

Educational Services Commission of New Jersey <i>*Year 2/5*</i>	Psychological/Educational Evaluation Bilingual Psychological/Educational Eval Social History Evaluation Bilingual Social History Evaluation Occupational Therapy Evaluation - Leba Occupational Therapy Services Hourly - Leba Physical Therapy Evaluation - Leba Physical Therapy Services Hourly - Leba OT/PT Evaluation - ESCNJ Employee Hourly Speech/Language Evaluation Bilingual Speech/Language Evaluation Speech/Language Services Speech/Language Home Instruction BCBA - ESCNJ Employee RBT Services - ESCNJ Employee Nurse Services Home Instruction - ESCNJ Instructor Home Instruction - Hospitals Auditory Impairment Home Instruction ----- **5 Year Master Agreement** Board Approved 8/26/2025	\$284.00 per evaluation \$464.00 per evaluation \$242.00 per evaluation \$357.00 per evaluation \$412.00 per evaluation \$158.00 per hour \$412.00 per evaluation \$158.00 per hour \$113.00 per hour \$289.00 per evaluation \$473.00 per evaluation \$137.00 per hour \$137.00 per hour \$142.00 per hour \$74.00 per hour \$44.00 per hour \$58.00 per hour \$58.00 per hour \$110.00 per hour
Safety-Care/QBS	<i>Behavioral Training</i> Initial Trainer Certification Annual Trainer Recertification <i>Advanced Modules</i> Advanced Skills Module – Initial Cert. Advanced Skills Module – Annual Cert School Aged Children – Initial Cert School Aged Children – Annual Cert Safety-Care for Families – Initial Cert Safety-Care for Families – Biennial Cert <i>Specialist Certification</i> Annual Specialist Cert via Trainer Connect Safety-Care Specialist Initial Blended Learning Course via Learner Connect Safety-Care Specialist Recertification Blended Learning Course via Learner Connect	\$2,599.00 \$899.00 \$1,499.00 \$1,099.00 \$699.00 \$599.00 \$689.00 \$589.00 \$7.00 \$25.00 \$25.00 <i>*Not to Exceed \$25,000.00*</i>

All In For Inclusive Education	Training – Full Day Training – Half Day Coaching/Consulting – Full Day Coaching/Consulting – Half Day Keynote – up to 90 minutes	\$2,500.00 \$1,800.00 \$1,800.00 \$1,200.00 \$3,500.00 <i>*Not to Exceed \$6,100.00*</i>
Brain Health Neuropsychology	Comprehensive Neuropsychological/Neurodevelopmental Evaluation Includes: Assessments of all domains of cognitive functioning, parent interview, full day testing of child with written report	\$6,500.00 per evaluation <i>*Not to Exceed \$13,000.00*</i>
NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Level 1 Educational Services Level 2 Educational Services Level 3 Educational Services Level 4 Educational Services	\$2,668.00 – 4-8 visits per school year \$6,367.00 9-30 visits per school year \$17,706.00 – 2-3 lessons per week \$20,119.00 – 4 lessons per week <i>*Not to Exceed \$30,000.00*</i>
Morris Union Jointure Commission	ABA Home Program – Supervision ABA Home Program – Teacher ABA Home Program – Teacher Assistant ABA Home Program – Support Assistant Adaptive Physical Education Counseling Inservice – Full Day Inservice – Half Day Occupational Therapy – Daily Occupational Therapy – Hourly w/ OTR Physical Therapy - Daily Physical Therapy- Hourly Speech Therapy – Daily Speech Therapy – Hourly	\$310.00 per hour \$240.00 per hour \$220.00 per hour \$195.00 per hour \$275.00 per hour \$170.00 per hour \$1,895.00 per day \$1,070.00 per day \$1,200.00 per day \$285.00 per hour \$1,310.00 per day \$315.00 per hour \$1,340.00 per day \$335.00 per hour <i>*Not to Exceed \$25,000.00*</i>

Independent Evaluations Reimbursement Costs	AAC Evaluations	\$1,000.00 per evaluation
	Neurodevelopmental Evaluations	\$1,000.00 per evaluation
	Neuropsych Evaluation	\$800.00 per evaluation
	Neurological Evaluation	\$800.00 per evaluation
	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$800.00 per evaluation
	FBA	\$800.00 per evaluation
	Educational Evaluation	\$500.00 per evaluation
	Psychological Evaluation	\$500.00 per evaluation
	Social History Evaluation	\$500.00 per evaluation
	Speech and Language Evaluation	\$500.00 per evaluation
	Physical Therapy Evaluation	\$500.00 per evaluation
	Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$500.00 per evaluation

- 2.7 Consultant Approvals for Curriculum and Instruction: 2026-2027 - Approve the following consultants for Curriculum and Instruction for the 2026-2027 School Year:

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
NJ Lifeguard, LLC	Provide American Red Cross lifeguard recertification class for Montgomery High School PE teachers.	Not to Exceed \$1,790.00
HMH Education Company	Provide professional development on Read 180 replacement literacy to staff.	Not to Exceed \$4,200.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA FY27 Title II</i>
Rutgers University Continuing Studies	Provide professional development on NGSS to middle school science teachers.	Not to Exceed \$2,750.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA FY27 Title II</i>
Amplify Education	Provide professional development on DIBELS literacy screener.	Not to Exceed \$750.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA FY27 Title II</i>
Turnitin, LLC	Provide professional development on plagiarism and teacher feedback software.	Not to Exceed \$600.00

- 2.8 Curriculum Approval – 2026-2027 – Approve the revision and alignment of district curricula with the State Board Adopted Standards for implementation during the 2026-2027 school year.

New Courses:

- World Cultures 1- OHES
- World Cultures 2- OHES
- Speech Arts & Presentation - MHS
- AP Research - MHS

Courses with Significant Revisions:

- Theater Arts - MHS
- French 2 - MHS
- German 2 - MHS
- Architecture 2 - MHS
- Engineering 2 - MHS
- English 11 CP - MHS
- Data Science Analytics & Visualization - MHS
- Peer 2 - MHS
- Grade 2 Literacy - OHES
- Grade 3 Literacy - VES
- Grade 4 Literacy - VES

3.0 **OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the finance agenda as follows:

3.1 Approval of Bill List Fiscal Year – August 2026

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves payment of the following bills and directs that a complete list of these bills be attached to and made part of these minutes as follows:

July 29, 2026 through August 25, 2026 \$5,228,739.69

- 3.2 Travel Reimbursement – 2026-2027 – Approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the travel reimbursement list dated 8/25/26.
- 3.3 Approve an Agreement with Downes Forest Products, LLC – Approve an agreement with Downes Forest Products, LLC in the total amount of \$20,161.00 for mulch and weed removal at District playground areas. (*Pricing under ESCNJ 25/26-71*)
- 3.4 Approve an Agreement with Core Mechanical, Inc. – Approve an agreement with Core Mechanical, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$45,301.03, for urgent repairs to the MHS roof top HVAC unit #8. (*Pricing under NJ State Contract NJST GNSV1-9741*)

- 3.5 Approve an Agreement with Teachtown – It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Teachtown for the purchase of encore K-12 Student Sub Standard Package software in the amount not to exceed \$23,800.00.

3.6 Approval of Transfer

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$27,935.00 from the general operating budget to food services to cover uncollectable food service balances as of June 30, 2026.

3.7 Acceptance of NJDOE Grant for School Lead Filters Program

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education established the School Lead Filters Program, P.L. 2025, c.76, to provide a one-time reimbursement for the purchase and installation of point-of-use filtered bottle-filling stations and filtered faucets in public school districts. The program is intended to help districts address lead in drinking water at the point of use and expand access to safe drinking water for students and staff.

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township School District (the “District”) has determined to apply for grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Education (“NJDOE”) under the School Lead Filters Program for eligible work to expand access to safe drinking water for students and staff.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the District’s Board of Education (the “Board”) approves the submission of the grant application, the acceptance of funds granted thereunder, the availability of local funds should the total estimated cost of the proposed work exceed the District’s grant allowance and the sustainability plan for filter replacement and maintenance activities.

Grant Allocation: \$6,392.48

3.8 Resolution for Participation in Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year – Chapters 192/193 - Approve the following resolution:

THIS AGREEMENT made the first day of July 2026 between the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “SCESC” and the Montgomery Township School District, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Public School District.”

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing New Jersey's Chapters 192 and Chapter 193 programs to eligible students enrolled full-time in nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in New Jersey. Chapter 192 programs provide nonpublic school students with auxiliary services such as compensatory education, English as a second language, and home instruction. Chapter 193 programs provide nonpublic school students with remedial services such as evaluation and determination of eligibility for special education and related services, supplementary instruction, and speech-language services.

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-6, 8, 19.1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 193), N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 192), and the Rules and Regulations governing auxiliary services to nonpublic schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible students attending nonpublic schools/facilities within its district; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-7 as authorized by the Public School District, based upon NJ Department of Education/Public School District available funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from July 1, 2026 through and including June 30, 2027, or if the funding from the Public School District or NJ Department of Education is exhausted.
2. The Public School District authorizes parents or nonpublic schools to submit student applications directly to the Commission.

The Public School District authorizes the Commission to verify eligibility of the student application (407-1 Form). Please choose one of the two following options. If no choice is noted, Option 1 will take effect.

- The Public School District authorizes the SCESC to sign the disposition section of the student application.
- The Public School District will sign the disposition section of the student application.

The Public School District authorizes the SCESC to retain student records while services are being provided.

The Public School District shall require the nonpublic school to provide the SCESC with a copy of student assessment results and of the portfolio of evidence developed by the nonpublic school to determine the eligibility for compensatory education services.

3. All services will be provided based on available state funding and the economical allocation of staffing resources available. The parties agree that the Commission shall be held harmless for the inability to provide any and all services under this Agreement due to the unavailability of required staff.
4. SCESC will provide Auxiliary Services in Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction, Corrective Speech and/or Home Instruction for eligible students at nonpublic schools/facilities.
 - a. COMPENSATORY EDUCATION will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be assessed, and an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, instruction will be based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.

- b. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be tested and assessed with a state approved Language Assessment Battery, an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P) will be developed, and instruction will be based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - c. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION will be provided to students examined and classified by a Child Study Team under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.5. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed as per State guidelines during the year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - d. CORRECTIVE SPEECH will be provided to students who meet established requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.6. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P) provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - e. HOME INSTRUCTION will be given in lieu of regular classroom instruction to an eligible student who is enrolled full-time in a nonpublic school and is unable to attend school for 10 consecutive school days or 15 cumulative school days or more during the school year due to temporary or chronic health condition or need for treatment which precludes participation in their usual educational setting. The teacher providing the instruction will be appropriately certified for the subject and grade level in which instruction is given pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1(b).
- 5. SCESC will provide auxiliary services in examination and classification to nonpublic school students who are identified by a nonpublic school as having potential learning problems. Examinations and/or classifications will be conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.3(c) by appropriate certified personnel.
 - 6. Nothing contained herein shall prevent a Public School District from electing to provide all of the above services for any individual nonpublic school student within its District boundaries.
 - 7. All nonpublic transportation funding will be allocated according to State guidelines.

8. For all services described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC the per student rate established by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapters 192 and 193, based on the active roster of students, which will be considered the official enrollment, and provided to the Public School District through monthly invoices of services rendered.
9. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective August 2018 will retain 6% of the total monthly invoice as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Chapters 192/193 program implementation. The SCESC shall be required to provide service only to the extent of the amount of state aid received.
10. It is the responsibility of the nonpublic school to notify the SCESC in writing when a student has exited and is no longer on the active roster within 10 (ten) business days.
11. The Public School District agrees to pay SCESC within 45 (forty-five) days following receipt of invoices for such services. In the event a Public School District fails to remit funds to the SCESC within the time schedule set forth above, SCESC shall have the right to discontinue services without further notice.
12. The Project Completion Report for Chapters 192/193 services shall be prepared by SCESC and submitted to the Public School District by July 30.
13. The SCESC shall act as agent for the Public School District in the processing and preparation of the Chapters Reimbursement under the Provisions of Chapters 192/193 required by the State Department of Education for the implementation of said services pursuant to the laws of 1977, Chapters 192/193. The SCESC Business Administrator may act as the local district's agent by submitting for Chapters Reimbursement under Provisions of Chapters 192/193. The Public School District will provide the SCESC access to the NJDOE Homeroom for submission of the requests.
14. The Public School District will notify the SCESC in writing of any NJ Department of Education correspondence detailing the lack of or pending lack of funding in any Chapters 192/193 area within 3 business days of receipt of said correspondence. If any services are incurred because of the lack of notification by the Public School District, the Public School District will remain responsible for any unpaid services verified through the billing process.
15. Due to the wide variation in district school calendars, the SCESC will develop and adhere to their master calendar for teacher scheduling.
16. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
17. During the performance of this contract, SCESC and the Public School District agree to the following affirmative action:

The SCESC and the Public School District, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. The SCESC and the Public School District will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age,

race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The SCESC and the Public School District agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

3.9 Approval of an Emergency Repair

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township School District (“District”) owns and operates Montgomery High School, which includes Rooftop HVAC Unit #8 (“RTU-8”), servicing the school’s Food Service Kitchen Area; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2026, RTU-8 failed and ceased operating, and a contractor inspection determined that Circuit #2 requires compressor replacement, and that both circuits require TXV/liquid line drier replacement and return fan assembly replacement; and

WHEREAS, the failure of RTU-8 poses an immediate risk to food safety and kitchen operating conditions at Montgomery High School, with the potential to impact school meal service, thereby constituting an emergency affecting the health, safety, and welfare of students and staff pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 authorizes a board of education to negotiate or award a contract without public advertising for bids when an emergency affecting the health or safety of occupants of school property requires the immediate delivery of goods or performance of services; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator, as the official authorized to act in such matters, was notified of the emergency and, being satisfied that an emergency existed, authorized the award of an emergency contract to address the immediate need, and thereafter provided written notification to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools as required by N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1; and

WHEREAS, Core Mechanical, Inc., 7905 Browning Road, Suite 110, Pennsauken, NJ 08109, was selected to perform the emergency repair work, procured under NJ State Contract #24-GNSV1-97471, pursuant to Proposal #11793F dated July 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the scope of emergency work includes lockout/tagout and refrigerant recovery; replacement of the Circuit #2 compressor, contactor, and crankcase heater; replacement of TXVs and liquid line driers on both circuits; replacement of the return fan assembly (housing, wheel, bearings, shaft, pulleys, and motor); system pressurization, evacuation, leak check, and recharge with R22 refrigerant; and start-up and operational check; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the emergency contract is \$45,301.03, consisting of labor (144 hours at \$120.00 per hour, totaling \$17,280.00) and materials (\$28,021.03), with a target completion date of September 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has certified, or will certify, the availability of sufficient funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the District did not, and could not reasonably, foresee this emergency, and the contract is of such limited duration as to meet only the immediate needs of the emergency, consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Montgomery Township School District, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

RESOLVED, The Board hereby ratifies and confirms the award of an emergency contract to Core Mechanical, Inc. for the emergency repair of Rooftop HVAC Unit #8 (RTU-8) at Montgomery High School, in an amount not to exceed \$45,301.03, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1.; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board finds and determines that an actual emergency existed affecting the health, safety, and welfare of the occupants of Montgomery High School, justifying the negotiation and award of this contract without public advertising for bids, as permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7.; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution and to make payment to Core Mechanical, Inc. in accordance with the terms of the contract upon satisfactory completion and certification of the work.; and be it further

RESOLVED, A copy of this resolution, together with the contractor's proposal and the District's written notification to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, shall be maintained on file with the Board Secretary as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1

- 3.10 Resolution Approving Addendum to Montgomery Township Board of Education Bid Reference #B22-08, Building Use at the Montgomery Township School District – It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the addendum to the Montgomery Township Board of Education bid reference #B22-08, building use at the Montgomery Township School District, regarding the Princeton YMCA, for a one-year period from September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 pursuant to N.J.S.18A:18A-42. The payment arrangement for the 2026-2027 school year will be \$8,200 per month from September 2026 through June 2027.

- 3.11 Resolution to Approve Participation in the Second River Purchasing Cooperative

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Second River Purchasing Cooperative (System Identifier #294SRPC), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency," has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township School District Board of Education, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in the Second River Purchasing Cooperative for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery Township School District Board of Education, at its regular meeting held on August 25, 2026, as follows:

PARTICIPATION:

The Board hereby authorizes the District's participation in the Second River Purchasing Cooperative (System Identifier #294SRPC).

AUTHORIZATION:

The Board President and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the standard Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency (Belleville Board of Education).

LEGAL COMPLIANCE:

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law* (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), the *Public School Contracts Law* (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.), and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES:

The Board understands that there are no annual membership fees associated with this Cooperative Pricing System.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and shall remain in effect for the duration of the current system registration as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

4.0 PERSONNEL

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve Personnel Resolutions which may include: Resignations/Retirements, Leaves of Absence, Appointments of Staff, Transfers Voluntary/Involuntary, Appointments Funded by ESEA Grant, Appointments of Mentor Teachers, Appointments of SOAR, Appointments of Substitutes, Appointments of Visual and Performing Arts, Tuition Reimbursement, Appointments of Co-Curricular, Appointments of Extra Curricular Activities, and Other following discussion in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS FROM PUBLIC

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages input from the public. Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to bring any **NEW BUSINESS** to the Board for up to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. All comments must be directed to the Board. Before you make your comment, please state your full name and address and enter both on the chromebook provided. Being mindful of privacy rights regarding students, board employees, and board members, and to avoid any potential liability on the part of the speaker, the board discourages defamatory and discourteous remarks.

The public comment portions of the meeting are not structured as question-and-answer sessions. The Board may need to refer an issue to the superintendent if the issue has not been handled through the appropriate chain of command, usually starting at the school level. Responses may be provided at the end of this session.

CLOSING DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT