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KTS Parents and Guardians,

There is a saying in business that *"an organization is only as good as its leadership."* The same is true in education. Strong leadership not only ensures the effective operation of a school district, but it also creates a culture that empowers teachers, inspires students, and strengthens the entire community.

One of the unique strengths of the Kingwood Township School and the Milford Borough School Districts is the collaborative partnership between the Kingwood Township Board of Education and the Milford Board of Education. Both boards work diligently together with a shared commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for our students. This level of collaboration is made possible because of one important factor,stability.

The average tenure of a board of education member in New Jersey is approximately six years. In comparison, the members of the Kingwood Township and Milford Boards of Education collectively average over 10 years of service. That experience brings remarkable continuity and a diverse range of professional expertise, including construction, finance, ethics, information technology, marketing, education, public safety, and governance. This wealth of knowledge helps ensure thoughtful decision-making that always places students first.

Supporting both boards is our Superintendent, Dr. Rick Falkenstein, who recently completed his 26th year in education and is the longest-serving superintendent in Hunterdon County. Throughout his career, Dr. Falkenstein has served as President of the Hunterdon County Superintendents' Association for eight years, held leadership positions within the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA), and most recently served as President of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators. His involvement at the county and state levels benefits both Kingwood Township and Milford by keeping our districts at the forefront of educational innovation, providing direct access to state leaders and policymakers, and creating opportunities to bring valuable resources, programs, and partnerships back to our schools.

Our Business Administrator, Michele McCann, also provides outstanding leadership. She is an active member of the Hunterdon/Warren Association of School Business Officials and most recently served as President of that organization. Her professional involvement ensures our districts remain informed of best practices in school finance, operations, and fiscal responsibility, helping us make sound decisions that maximize every educational dollar.

But the one critical element that brings all of these strengths together is the cooperative and generous support of KTS and MPS parents. Your ongoing involvement in your child’s education completes the partnership necessary for their success.With strong leadership, experienced boards of education, and the continued partnership of our families, we look forward to a successful 2026–2027 school year.

Coming soon: meet your BOE and learn about the district goals for the 2026-2027 school year.

Sincerely,
The Kingwood Township Board of Education

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