



Dear Morrisville Families,

Today marks 126 days without an approved state budget and 34 days without a federal budget. As a district that relies on state funding for more than half of its operating budget, the absence of this critical revenue stream has put Morrisville in an increasingly difficult financial position. Our district is now at a point where very difficult decisions must be made for our immediate future.

This afternoon, I met with all district staff to explain the current situation and outline the potential next steps. I want to share the same information with you directly.

Over the past several months, we've used every available tool to stretch our limited resources, including delaying payments and freezing expenditures. **Unless the state passes a budget, Morrisville's public schools may be forced to shut down on January 30, 2026. In that event, we would be forced to temporarily suspend all school district operations starting January 30, 2026. This closure would include all in-person and virtual instruction, transportation, food service, athletics, arts, and support services.** We are currently operating with less than 50% of our annual revenue available, due to the state and federal budget impasses. Unless we receive our state funding that is owed to the district since August, by mid-January, we will be unable to meet payroll and operational costs.

No one wants this outcome, and it can be avoided. If the Pennsylvania General Assembly approves a budget, these drastic measures would no longer be necessary.

I know how concerning this news is for our students, our staff, and our community. I will continue to keep you informed as we learn more. You have my commitment to communicate transparently and promptly.

On Wednesday, November 5, I will speak directly with our students in grades 3–12 in two assemblies to discuss the situation in a developmentally appropriate way. Currently, I do not believe it is appropriate to hold a similar meeting for students in grades K–2.

This update reflects the current financial outlook discussed with the Board of School Directors. We are united in our goal to keep our schools open. At our upcoming board meeting on November 19, we will review the financial forecast again and begin discussing additional short-term strategies in case funding remains delayed.

If you are willing to reach out to your state legislators, your voice could help emphasize the urgency of this crisis. You can find your elected officials and their contact information at: [State Senate](#); [House of Representatives](#).

This is not a letter I ever wanted to send, and I recognize how unsettling it is. I'm committed to doing everything in my power to avoid disruption to our students' learning and to keep you informed every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andrew J. Doster, Superintendent of Schools