



Gerald J. Morrow

Veteran Educator | Transformational School Leader | Advocate for Educational Equity

With over 30 years of service in public education — including more than two decades as a principal — Gerald J. Morrow is a visionary school leader whose innovative approach continues to transform schools and communities. His career has spanned the roles of teacher, dean, assistant principal, instructional coach, and principal. This well-rounded experience, along with his faith-rooted values, grounds his leadership in both strategic insight and deep compassion.

Mr. Morrow has led the comprehensive revitalization of a historic educational institution, restoring its legacy while launching it into the future. Through strategic planning, data-informed decision-making, and inclusive leadership, he increased student enrollment, expanded access to high-quality vocational programs, and reignited community pride. His work re-established the school's relevance and resilience in the 21st century.

Champion of Social Emotional Learning

A strong advocate of Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Mr. Morrow understands that academic success cannot be separated from emotional well-being. He has built comprehensive SEL systems within his school, partnering with multiple community-based organizations to create safe, trauma-informed learning environments. These systems provide students with emotional support, coping strategies, mentorship, and mental health resources — all aimed at fostering a sense of belonging, resilience, and hope.

Innovative Program Development

Mr. Morrow launched and restored several career-connected learning programs that prepare students for emerging industries. Notably, he led the creation of an aviation program that gives students actual flight experience, as well as the reopening of a state-of-the-art music industry program. His commitment to hands-on learning and real-world readiness ensures students graduate with viable career pathways and authentic credentials.

Community-Driven Leadership

His leadership is deeply rooted in collaboration with alumni, families, and community stakeholders. Mr. Morrow has cultivated meaningful relationships with corporate partners, civic leaders, and nonprofit organizations to bring resources, opportunities, and mentorship into the school. These partnerships have produced life-changing experiences for students, including scholarships, leadership forums, athletic enrichment, and industry exposure.

Legacy of Excellence

A respected leader among his peers, Mr. Morrow is known as a drum major for educational equity, a thought leader in instructional coaching, and a consistent champion for underserved youth. He is also an experienced basketball official with national tournament credentials, bringing a disciplined, focused, and fair-minded approach to every aspect of his leadership.