



DAVID LANTZ

One of the original faculty members of the District, Dave came to West Morris Regional in 1958 as a teacher of music and retired in 1990. He instilled the highest standards of musicianship in his students and was a mentor, friend and inspiration to all who met him. Many of his pupils went on to become professional musicians and music educators. Dave developed all aspects of the music program at West Morris and designed the programs and hired the staff at West Morris Mendham and West Morris Mt. Olive High Schools. He was one of the founders of the North Jersey Area Band Association, and he conducted the All North Jersey Region I Concert Band and Jazz Band.

Mr. Lantz was a musician in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and later traveled professionally with Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. He performed on many recordings and has played with a long list of jazz luminaries. Dave served as Chairman of the Music Department as well as Fine Arts Supervisor for thirty years. He is a graduate of West Chester State Teacher's College, and he earned his Masters Degree from Trenton State College.