



Frederic School District

District Administrator's Report

March 2022

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

February was CTE month in Wisconsin, which encompasses the following academic areas:

- Family and Consumer Science
- Technology and Engineering
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Business and Information Technology
- Health Science
- Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship

Career and Technical Student Organizations

- DECA - Marketing
- FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America
- FCCLA - Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCS)
- FFA - Future Farmers of America
- HOSA - Future Health Professionals
- SkillsUSA - Technology and Engineering

While the District continues the work of strengthening and expanding our programs, we are proud that at least one course is offered in each CTE academic area at the high school and students are exposed to various areas in the middle school. Establishing each student organization would maximize student opportunities, and many are available at the middle school level.

Equivalent Experience for Student Teachers

School districts continue to face teacher and staff shortages. On March 23, DPI hosted a hearing related to administrative rules that may help alleviate the teacher and substitute shortage around the state. Districts have requested flexibility in recruiting student teachers to support substitute teaching. Specifically, student teachers would be allowed to immediately substitute upon completion of student teaching rather than waiting weeks to complete the program. Additionally, a rule may address a student teaching equivalency option. What that solution is remains to be seen.

It may allow greater flexibility for school districts and higher education institutions to work together towards solutions related to shortage and distribution issues. Although the outcome from the hearing won't solve the shortage and distribution issues, it's positive they are being recognized and addressed at some level.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The 12-month February 2021 - February 2022 CPI increase was 7.9%, with specific increased areas listed below. Districts are challenged with preparing for the 2022-23 school year with the large increases, absent any revenue increases in the second year of the state's biennium budget.

- Food prices increased 7.9% - largest increase since 1981
- Energy prices rose 25.6%
- All items less food and energy rose 6.4%
- Meat, fish, poultry, eggs rose 13% - largest increase since July 1979
- New vehicles rose 12.4% - largest increase since 1975
- Apparel rose 6.6%
- Shelter rose 4.7%

Wisconsin's April Referendum Questions

There are 81 school referendums scheduled for the April 5 ballot. The breakdown is listed below:

- 35 Issue Debt totaling \$1.1 billion
- 8 Recurring totaling \$13.5 million
- 38 Non-Recurring totaling \$193 million
- 17 in either CESA 11 or Lakeland Conference

Athletic Co-op Meeting

On March 30, Frederic will be hosting an athletic co-op meeting with Luck. The meeting is intended to collaborate about our strengths and weaknesses during the 2021-22 athletic seasons, identify needs for the spring season, and begin planning for the 2022-23 fall season.

2022 - 2023 Preparations

I would like to thank the dedicated individuals and teams working so diligently to help prepare us for the 2022-23 school year. Summer school is currently being planned, and with a 75% participation rate, we hope to build on the long-standing success of the program. In-service plans are being established, handbooks are being reviewed, learning tools are being analyzed, schedules are being finalized, hiring is taking place, and programs that have been built throughout the year are approaching completion, such as the Title I expansion, RtI Framework, and Reading Plan. We still have a long way to go, but we're chipping away and making gains!

Time is moving quickly. In fact, the next time we have a regular board meeting, we will have already had prom, and we'll just be a couple weeks removed from graduation week!