



Frederic School District

District Administrator's Report

October 2022

Parent University

In partnership with the Mental Health Task Force of Polk County, the District will be hosting Parent University on Saturday, November 5 at the Frederic High School. The event is scheduled from 8:30-1:15 PM. This community event is for families with children ages birth-high school. The event will include various speakers discussing a range of topics, including Keynote speaker, Tom Kidd. Lunch and free childcare will be provided. Registration for the event can be completed on the District's or Polk County Mental Health websites.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) National Conference

Congratulations to our 11 FFA members who will be attending the National Conference in Indianapolis next week! Members will participate in various career and leadership workshops and learning sessions over the three day event. Students will hear from keynote speaker Tamika Catchings, a 4-time Olympic gold medalist and WNBA champion.



School Closing Information

Inclement weather season is fast approaching! Information related to school closing or schedule adjustments will be available in a number of ways. Families should watch the local television news stations (11, 9, 5, 4) for updated information. Additionally, the District's website and social media outlets will be updated. The District regularly sends out Infinite Campus messages related to inclement weather. Families should be sure their contact information within the system remains current.

Kinship Partnership

The District continues its strong partnership with Kinship of Polk County through its school mentoring program. This partnership is 24 years strong! According to Kinship, the overall goal of the program is to improve a child's social skills and self-esteem in order to foster a better attitude for learning; ultimately improving school success. During the 2021-22 school year, 15 mentoring relationships existed, including 12 brand new relationships! Mentors and mentees spend time developing social skills and building relationships by playing board games, shooting hoops in the gym, and conversing. Establishing Kinship matches is ongoing throughout the year and we expect our 2022-23 numbers to be similar to last year's.

Door Replacement

Phase I of interior and exterior door replacements has begun. The initial phase will address our highest needs of our oldest doors that are no longer functioning properly or that have deteriorated beyond repair.



UP COMING EVENTS

Next Committee of the
Whole Meeting:

11/16/2022 @ 5 PM

Next Regular Board
Meeting:

11/16/2022 @ 6 PM

WASB State Education
Convention:

01/18/2023 – 01/20/2023

In Milwaukee

State Superintendent Address at State Conference

In Dr. Underly's 2022 State of Education Address on September 22, she touched upon many topics. The following three themes are highlighted by the Department of Public Instruction. Related to increased investments in public education, she stated, "We need robust, ongoing, reliable funding for our public schools and libraries. Because investing in public schools is an investment in us, too."

Regarding the achievement gap, Dr. Underly suggests a reframing of the term, instead choosing to look not at an achievement gap, but as an input gap. "We cannot call it an achievement gap, because a gap in outcomes is caused by a gap in inputs. And we can do something about the inputs."

Dr. Underly also spoke to safe learning environments, particularly creating affirming and welcoming school communities. "When we have welcoming and affirming schools and classrooms, it creates belonging. Belonging creates community. Community creates young people who are engaged in the civic life of our state."

State Report Cards

We expect the final release of the 2021-22 state report cards in early to mid-November. Districts have been working with preliminary report cards for the past two weeks, identifying data related questions. Once those questions throughout the state have been addressed and adjustments have been made, final report cards will be released.

Baseball Dugouts

The baseball field dugouts at the high school have been replaced with a new fence dugout model. These have become more popular because they allow for better supervision and airflow. A shade screen is utilized to keep athletes out of the direct sunlight as much as possible.

National Honor Society Members

Congratulations to our new National Honor Society Members! These students have displayed success and balance in all facets of school, community, and leadership.

