



Frederic School District

Administrative Report

February 2022

State ESSER III Plan

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) approved the DPI's recent ESSER III revisions after the U.S. Department of Education rejected the initial JFC proposal. The revision leaves a smaller portion to be used towards districts that were more than 50% in person learning during the 2020-21 school year. Although Frederic far exceeded that number, it was not eligible for this portion of funds due to the amount it has received from the portion earmarked for learning loss. Two new allocation of funds will be used for a competitive grant and chronic absenteeism at the high school level.

Bells Choir to Perform at the State Capitol

Congratulations to the bell choir for being selected to perform at the state capitol on March 10. We are excited to send our students and their musical skills to represent the District. Our musicians continue to impress.



Website Refresh

We expect to migrate to the refreshed website within the next couple weeks. The transition has been hampered by some glitches in the programming within the site, which is a brand new layout design for them and us. We are continuing to build out pages and refine the information from the current site.

Parental Choice Programs

The 2022-23 school year will have more voucher schools in the three different parental choice programs - Milwaukee will have 131 private schools (increase of 2), Racine 31 (increase of 4) and Wisconsin 324 (increase of 23). Approximately 14,400 students currently participate in the Wisconsin choice program at an estimated cost of approximately \$119,000,000. The fall of 2021 saw approximately 814,000 public school students, a drop of about .5% from the previous year.

State Surplus

Governor Evers has announced his proposed plan for the projected \$3.8 billion surplus for the current 2021-23 budget, which is more than \$2.9 billion more than anticipated. There are many aspects to the plan that impact all educational levels throughout the state. We are anticipating this is only a starting point for discussions at the state level, with no timeline to utilize the funds determined yet.



UP COMING EVENTS

Next Committee of
the Whole Meeting:
03/23/2022 @ 5 pm

Next Regular Board
Meeting:
03/23/2022 @ 6pm

Emergency Connectivity Funds (ECF) Award

The District was recently awarded a second round of federal funds totaling \$20,400 to be used for student devices, allowing the District to replace its relatively small supply of antiquated ipads. Funds will also be used to purchase additional needed staff laptops. IT Director, Mr. Olson, worked with our CESA erate consultant to secure the funds.

Forensics Team

Congratulations to the Forensics Team for its efforts at sub-districts on Monday. The team has 18 competitors this year! Forensics is a statewide speaking competition that promotes the development of students' abilities in public speaking and in the oral interpretation of literature. Next up will be districts on March 24. The state competition is on April 8-9 at DeForest High School, and we hope our team members earn the opportunity to perform.

