

Message from Superintendent Stephanie Starcher

Another school year is officially about to end at Fort Frye Local School District. I hope that your child has experienced engagement in the learning process and made academic growth this year. Congratulations to the Class of 2019. For the past 13 school years, the members of the Class of 2019 have experienced a state and locally prescribed learning curriculum. Now, they are about to embark on an exciting journey where everything is an elective. Best wishes for a safe and prosperous journey!

Let's also take a moment to recognize a few staff members that are retiring from Fort Frye Local Schools. Mrs. Deborah Misel, a math teacher at Fort Frye High School, is retiring after 25 years of service. Mrs. Donna Motz, the Fort Frye High School Head Custodian, is retiring after 24 years of service. The Salem-Liberty Afternoon Custodian, Aileen Biehl, has retired after 16 years of service. The district appreciates the many years of service these staff members have given to Fort Frye. Happy retirement!

Planning for the 2019-2020 school year is in full swing. We are hoping to increase our career internship opportunities for our high school students, as well as begin using some industrial technology in a few elective classes. Grades kindergarten through five will be transitioning to new English Language Arts curriculum resources. A small group of teachers are designing learning activities for high-level learners over the summer that will be shared with applicable teachers in an effort to better meet the learning needs of advanced students. We also plan to dive deeper into training with our teachers on how to meet the learning needs of students who have experienced adverse life circumstances.

As a district, we offer a lot of wrap around programs to help meet our students' emotional, social, and physical needs. Many of these services are offered during our school day at our school sites. When our doors close for the summer break, the district still wants these needs of our students to be addressed. Please contact the school office if you have question about summer programming such as community meals and mental health services as these will be on-going.

In closing the school year, I want to thank all of our staff, students, and families for their efforts and pride in our schools. I also want to extend gratitude to our many community donors and volunteers. You are simply amazing and such an important part of our district's success. Our district does many things well, but there are always programs and services that need to be improved so we welcome your feedback. You can contact my office to arrange an appointment 740-984-2497, or you can email me at stephanie.starcher@fortfrye.org if you have ideas to share.

Have a safe and joyful summer break, and we will see you on August 22!