

Superintendent Message

Cadet Communicator August 2019

Greetings to all of our Cadet families! I officially welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at Fort Frye Local Schools! This past spring, the Marietta Times published an editorial that praised the collaborative relationship between our schools and community and took notice of how our community supports our school system in so many positive ways! This school year looks to be another fantastic year filled with Cadet pride!

Fort Frye Local continues its facility review process. Last school year, OHM Advisors, an architectural and engineering planning firm, completed a review of our 2010 facility assessment by the Ohio's school facility commission. The findings were then examined by a small group of stakeholders, which included community representatives. The team prioritized the capital improvement projects that should be completed by our District over the next 10 years if the District decides to maintain all four of our school sites. This group will convene an additional time to update costs based on recent increases in construction prices.

A larger group of staff members, students, parents, and community members met last February to explore and articulate the skills and knowledge Fort Frye graduates need to be successful over the next few decades, and the ways in which students learn these things most effectively. This process was referred to as the educational visioning process. The importance of staff and student collaboration was a reoccurring theme in this team's discussions as well as the concept of having our students on a single site by grade level in order to help teachers instruct and students learn in ways that help them become future-ready.

Now, a final small group of stakeholders will start meeting this fall to review the District's financial health and the feedback from the educational visioning and facility assessment processes in order to recommend some master facility options to the Board of Education. The intent is to have a formal plan for the future of facilities by this time next year. If you have any feedback or would like to know more about our facility planning process, please contact me as I welcome the opportunity to speak with our community members about the future of our schools! I am more than willing to speak to district organizations or businesses about this process as well.

One of our District goals is to provide timely and regular communication to our students and their families. The Cadet Communicator is the District's quarterly written communication to our school community. The District office also utilizes periodic memos, Facebook, Twitter, email, texts, and a robo call system to provide information, including safety alerts. Each school also sends out regular communications, and classroom teachers use various means to communicate to students and families. It is very important that each family have an Infinite Campus access through a Parent Portal account with current demographic information, including telephone numbers and email accounts, so that families receive important announcements.

Our family demographic information is updated annually using information provided on the emergency medical cards. Throughout the year, families can log into their Infinite Campus accounts to update information or contact the school office to have information updated. If you do not have an Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the school office to arrange for an account setup.

If you have any questions related to the opening of the school year, please contact one of our school offices or the district office so that we may help you. Let's have a productive, enjoyable, and safe school year! GO CADETS!