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PRETZEL NEWS



Freeport School District #145 Monthly e-Newsletter

Board of Education Meeting Updates

During its meeting on February 2nd, 2016, the Board of Education:

- Learned about the AVID program and its role in Freeport School District.
- Approved the Freeport School District and CareerTec Bills, the Personnel Report with an addendum, and the annual Hazardous Walking Areas list.
- Approved the CollegeNOW Agreement between FSD and Highland Community College for the 2016-2017 Academic Year.
- Approved revisions to the following job descriptions:
 - * Equity Secretary
 - * Asst. Principal for Alternative Education

During its meeting on February 16th, 2016, the Board of Education:

- Recognized the FHS Student Council and learned about their activities.
- Received a monthly update on the finances of the district. This update included:
 - * January 2016 Revenues
 - * January 2016 Expenditures
 - * January 2016 Board Investment Report
 - * Status of State Funding
- Received a mid-year update on the progress of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.
- Reviewed the second quarter data on the implementation of behavior supports such as Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) in FSD schools.
- Reviewed a recommendation to increase social work support in the schools over the next 2-3 years, starting with the schools demonstrating the highest need based on data, and to employ a district PBIS External Coordinator to ensure behavior support systems are implemented with fidelity across the district.
- Reviewed proposed revisions to the following policies and administrative regulations:
 - * Policy 705.1 - School Attendance Areas
 - * Administrative Regulation 705.1 - In-District Student Transfers
- Approved the Freeport School District and CareerTec Bills, the Personnel Report with an addendum, and the Resolution Giving Notice of Withdrawal from Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust.

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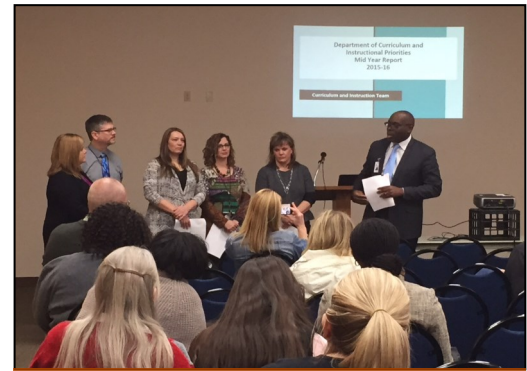
You can access the [packet of materials for the February 2nd and February 16th meetings by clicking](#)



FHS senior Megan W. was the 1st place winner in the Gr. 9-12 category of the Freeport Art Museum's "Aspiring Artists" exhibition. Congratulations, Megan!



The FHS Pretzel Girls' Bowling Team placed 2nd at the IHSA State Tournament on February 19th & 20th in Rockford. Congratulations on a great season, ladies!



Members of the Department of Curriculum & Instruction presented a mid-year update on their efforts at the district community forum on February 17th.

Notes & Reminders

World Arts Festival

On Thursday, March 10th at 4 - 9 PM, Freeport High School will host FSD145's 14th Annual World Arts Festival! This event is a collaboration of the entire district, with over 1000 participating K-12 students representing every FSD school as they come together to celebrate our cultural diversity. Enjoy the artistic showcase and join us for dinner in the cafeteria from one of four commercial ethnic food vendors.

The guest artist at this year's festival will be photojournalist Andrew Craft, whose work has taken him around the globe. Therefore, as part of the festival, the FSD Art Department is also holding a Photography Exhibition. Students, K-12, and current FSD145 employees are encouraged to submit pieces! [Contest rules and entry forms are available at the district website.](#)

Thanks to the Freeport Community Public School Fund for their support of this event and to all those involved in planning and preparing for it!

For more information, call 815-232-0439.

New FSD145 Blog Has Launched!

FSD has launched a new district blog, "Every Pretzel's Voice", online at freeportschools.blogspot.com. The intent of this blog is to provide some deeper insight into the happenings of our district from multiple viewpoints, including students, parents, staff, volunteers, and board members. We will showcase students' artistic, academic, athletic, and extracurricular accomplishments and share informative posts on the activities, events, programs, and progress of FSD. Each week, we plan to post at least one blog entry, so visit regularly to see what's new!

Kindergarten Registration

FSD's Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-2017 school year takes place until March 25th at the FSD Enrollment & Transportation Center. For more information about registration, visit www.fsd145.org or contact Dallas Pieper, Director of Enrollment & Transportation, at 815-232-0580 or dallas.pieper@fsd145.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 11 to Mar. 25 - Kindergarten Registration

Hours Vary, FSD Enrollment & Transportation Center

Feb. 5 to Mar. 12 - Aspiring Artists Exhibit

Hours Vary, Freeport Art Museum

Mar. 1 - Board of Education Meeting

7 PM, Administration Building

Mar. 10 - World Arts Festival

4 PM - 9 PM, Freeport High School

Mar. 12 - Moonlight Serenade

7 PM, Freeport Masonic Temple

Mar. 15 - School Improvement Day

(3-hour day)

Mar. 15 - Board of Education Meeting

7 PM, Administration Building

Mar. 17 to 19 - Art to Art

7:30 PM, Freeport High School, Room 228

Mar. 25 to Apr. 1 - NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

School resumes Apr. 4

For a schedule of athletic events, visit:

<http://il.8to18.com/FreeportHS/>



FSD In the News

Superintendent's View Columns:

- * [Join Us For Our Second Community Forum](#)
- * [Curriculum Steps We're Taking to Make Our Schools Better](#)

Student Spotlights:

- * [Ayanna](#)
- * [Karen](#)
- * [Ryan](#)
- * [Perrion](#)
- * [John](#)
- * [Taylor](#)

* [Kayleigh](#)

* [Latonia](#)

Articles:

- * [Freeport High School to offer more career-oriented classes](#)
- * [Prep girls bowling: Pretzels poised for deep post-season run](#)
- * [CareerTech aims to expand awareness, course offerings for Freeport area students in 2016](#)
- * [Girls bowling: Freeport carries momentum into state](#)
- * [Freeport High School speech team headed to state competition](#)
- * [Highland Community College's dual enrollment program for high schoolers expands](#)
- * [Girls bowling: Freeport Pretzels make improbable run, take 2nd at state](#)
- * [Freeport High School releases first-semester honor rolls](#)

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