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# PRETZEL NEWS



Freeport School District #145 Monthly e-Newsletter

## Board of Education Meeting Updates

During its meeting on December 20, 2016, the FSD145 Board of Education:

- Recognized over 100 FHS students for achievements in fall athletics, including football, cross country, golf, volleyball, swimming, soccer, dance, tennis, and cheer.
- Received a monthly update on the finances of the district. This update included:
  - \* November 2016 Revenues
  - \* November 2016 Expenses
  - \* November 2016 Board Investment Report
- Reviewed a recommendation to purchase and adopt a new K-8 Reading Program for the district called Schoolwide.
- Received an update on the implementation of PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) in all FSD schools during the first quarter of 2016-2017.
- Reviewed a draft of the 2017-2018 school year calendar.
- Considered the renewal of the intergovernmental agreement with Dakota School District for transportation services.
- Approved the Freeport School District and CareerTec Bills, the Personnel Report with an addendum, and the maintenance truck bid.
- Adopted a flat 2016 tax levy of \$20,230,000.
- Approved the annual update of the Freeport High School course guide.
- Adopted the Office of Civil Rights Resolution Agreement.
- Approved the contract between the FSD Board of Education and the Custodial Association.

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You can access the complete packet of materials for the December 20th meeting and other school board meetings by [clicking here](#).

At its Dec. 20th meeting, the FSD Board of Education recognized over 100 FHS students for achievements in fall athletics. Those recognized included several members of the Competitive Dance Team, pictured at right with Superintendent Dr. Mike Schiffman (left), Board President Mr. Billy Shroyer (right), and coach Mrs. Tara Hersey (back, second right).



## Notes & Reminders

### Community Forum

On Wednesday, January 18th, FSD administrators will host the district's second Community Forum of the 2016-2017 school year. The event will take place at the Stephenson Co. Farm Bureau (201 W. Spring Street, Freeport) in the Walsh Room at 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Director of Equity & Curriculum Ms. Nita White will discuss behavior support efforts in the district and administrators will gather feedback from the community members in attendance. Refreshments will be provided and those who attend will be able to enter a draw to win a Cub Foods gift card.

### MAP Testing

The second window of NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing takes place in FSD schools from Jan. 9 to Feb. 3. This assessment measures individual student academic achievement and growth throughout the school year and will help guide classroom instruction. Students in Kindergarten to 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be tested in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. For more information about the MAP assessment, please visit [the district website](#) or contact your child's school. For tips on how you can support your student during testing, you can also check out this [MAP parent guide](#).

### Thanks for Supporting Our Freeport Students!

FSD is thankful for the countless great local organizations and businesses that have provided support and services to our students in need, particularly during this holiday season. Thanks as well to all those who have generously donated to the [Freeport Community Public School Fund](#). Our schools recently received \$54,074 worth of valuable educational equipment from the FCPSF. These contributions will impact the education of our students today and help prepare them to face whatever their futures hold.

## FSD In the News

### Superintendent's View Columns:

- \* [Let's Celebrate First Semester Success](#)
- \* [How We Work to Create the Best Learning Environment](#)
- \* [Keep Your Child Active During Break](#)

### "Every Pretzel's Voice" Posts:

- \* [Freeport Community Public School Fund Helps Equip FSD Schools](#)
- \* [Pupil Personnel Services Department Working to Expand Services](#)
- \* [Mr. Bohrer, Lincoln-Douglas Principal, Finds Purpose in Working with Students & Educators](#)

### Student Spotlights:

- \* [Angelina](#)
- \* [Sarah](#)
- \* [Maddox](#)
- \* [Emerson](#)
- \* [Joe](#)



### Articles:

- \* [FSD Approves Flat Tax Levy](#)
- \* [CollegeNOW Students Balance College & High School Lives](#)
- \* [FHS Speech Team About Competition & Life Skills](#)
- \* [Freeport Elementary School Focus on College & Career Readiness](#)
- \* [Guest Speakers Show Jones-Farrar Students Other Cultures](#)
- \* [FHS Students Keep Tradition Alive With Annual Holiday Pageant](#)
- \* [FHS Students Named 2017-2018 Illinois State Scholars](#)

## LOOKING AHEAD

### January 13 - District Staff Institute

*No School.*

### January 16 - Martin Luther King Day Holiday

*No School.*

### January 17 - Board of Education Meeting

*6 PM, Freeport Middle School*

### January 18 - FSD Community Forum

*6 PM, Stephenson Co. Farm Bureau*

### January 24 - 104th Annual FHS Band Concert

*7:30 PM, Jeannette Lloyd Theatre*

### January 30 - 8th Grade Parent Night

*6 PM, Jeannette Lloyd Theatre*

### January 30 - Athletic Code of Conduct Meeting

*6 PM, FHS Cafeteria*

**Please watch for further information from your child's school about other activities and events.**

*For a schedule of athletic events, visit:*  
<http://il.8to18.com/FreeportHS/>



The students in Mrs. Jacobs' 1st grade class at Lincoln-Douglas Elementary School opened a visitor center last month. Students took on the role of Park Rangers as they shared their animal research projects and ran centers where visitors could learn about different types of animal adaptations.

For more updates, visit our website at [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org) or follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

