

November 18, 2022

Hello FSD Parents/Guardians & Staff,



Monday kicked off our celebration of **American Education Week**. The 2022 theme is **"Together for Safe, Just & Equitable Schools"**. Each day of this week celebrates our public-school community and all that we do to provide excellence in education. Public schools are the cornerstone of our democracy, that plays a role in citizenship and economic welfare for our students' future. 95% of students in the United States come from public schools. Therefore, we have the privilege of being part of an institution that can be very impactful in the lives of our students. Thank you to our families for supporting Freeport School District 145.

Tuesday was **IL School Board Members Day**. FSD Board members were acknowledged, and thanked during our Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday. We also seated a **new board member, Mrs. Audrey Moore Howard**. Mrs. Moore Howard was appointed by the board to fill the vacant seat that expires in April of 2023. She is a former FSD employee, an FSD graduate and an involved and caring member of the Freeport community. Welcome Mrs. Moore Howard! Thank you to all of our dedicated board members, we celebrate you!

FSD BOARD MEMBERS:

President Jack Sosnowski

Vice President Martha Furst

Pastor Adron Simmons

Mr. Ryan Shirley

Mr. Alan Greene

Mrs. Charlene Williams

Mrs. Audrey Moore Howard

Other special recognitions this week included **Educational Support Professionals Day** on Wednesday and **Substitute Educator Appreciation Day**, today. It takes the special individuals in these roles to ensure that our students are ready to learn from the start of their day to the end of the day and to minimize the disruption of instruction in the absence of classroom teachers.

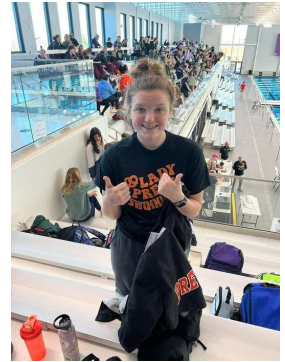
THANK YOU FSD FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

State of the District Presentation - RESCHEDULED

For staff, parents/guardians and community members who are interested in a deeper look at and better understanding of our State Report Card, including our next steps as a district, I will be giving a **“State of the District”** presentation on Wednesday, November 30, at 6:00 PM. We ask that you please reply by email to our [Communications Department](#) or call (815) 801-0109 (leave a message) by Friday, November 25, if you are interested in attending. The tentative location is the board room of our administrative office at 501 E. South St. If the number of participants warrants a larger location you will be contacted on 11/28 with the revised location.

Congratulations Jada Veer

FHS Swimmer Jada Veer competed last Friday & Saturday at the IHSA Girls State Swimming Series. To qualify alone is an outstanding accomplishment as there are no class ranks in girls swimming. Swimmers from all schools across the state compete in the same series. We are super proud of Jada for finishing in 21st place! The good news is that Jada is a sophomore and still has 2 more years to represent FHS. Jada you are an amazing athlete and you represented Pretzel Nation in grand fashion. CONGRATS! 🍷🍷🍷



Freeport Phantom Football & Cheer



Join us in Celebrating & Congratulating the Freeport Phantom Football & Cheer teams on a remarkable season! Special SHOUT-OUT to the "Tiny Mites" and "11U" teams who were the Chicagoland Pop Warner Champions! Many of these young athletes are FSD students and we are so proud of them. Special thanks to the Coaches who work with these young people. It takes amazing people like them to invest in our young people and involve them positively in our community.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK PHANTOMS! 🍷🍷🍷



Celebrating Native American/American Indian Heritage Month

As we continue to celebrate the diverse and rich cultures, histories, and traditions and appreciate the great contributions of Native Americans; we are committed throughout this month to keep supporting Native American tribes and acknowledging their successes and sacrifices, through education in the classroom.

"I do not think the measure of a civilization is how tall its buildings of concrete are, but rather how well its people have learned to relate to their environment and fellow man."

- Sun Bear, Chippewa

The Addams Family

KUDOS to the cast, crew, musicians and staff for an outstanding performance of the Addams Family. Our students were absolutely amazing as they continue the tradition of excellence in our Fine Arts Department. This was also the first performance in the newly renovated Jeannette Lloyd Theater. It looks fantastic and it made the performances even more magical!



Honoring our Veterans

Enjoy this [video compilation](#) of Veterans Day celebrations that took place throughout the district. Special thanks to our staff who took the time to plan recognitions, our students who participated and most of all the veterans who joined us as we paid tribute to their sacrifice and their service.

4 FSD School Board Seats Up for Election in 2023

There are 4 seats up for election on the FSD Board of Education, in the 2023 Consolidated Election. The process of getting on the ballot is now open. Additional information for interested individuals are available here: [School Board Election 2023](#)

~Upcoming Events & Community Resources~

The organizations & events listed below are not sponsored by or affiliated with FSD 145

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The NWIL Children's Hands On Museum is sponsoring a "Children's Wishing Well" Fundraiser on December 7th at the Big O's. [Informational Flier](#)

REMINDERS

FSD Employment Opportunities

FSD has openings for the 2022-23 school year. For more information on job openings and to apply [visit our website, fsd145.](#)

FSD has immediate openings for bus drivers \$18 hr. & monitors \$14 hr.

[\(click here for info\)](#)

Upcoming Notable Dates:

Tuesday, November 22 - School Improvement Day - 3 hr. attendance for students

Wednesday, November 23 - Friday November 25 - FSD Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



During the Thanksgiving season, when we traditionally take time to give thanks, I write to express my personal gratitude to you, our parents and guardians for having faith in Freeport School District 145 and entrusting your children to us . Thank you for your commitment to ensuring their success and our success

Thank you to our school professionals and all staff for the commitment that you make every day to the students of FSD145. I thank you for your dedication to educational and organizational excellence. I thank you for striving to meet every expectation that we've set for our district. Thank you for your ongoing professionalism and cooperation. You are making a difference, whether you think it or not.

I am so thankful for being a part of the Freeport School District and I look forward to working with you during the next several years. On behalf of the FSD145 Board of Education and Administration, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

With gratitude

*Dr. Anna Alvarado,
Superintendent of Schools*