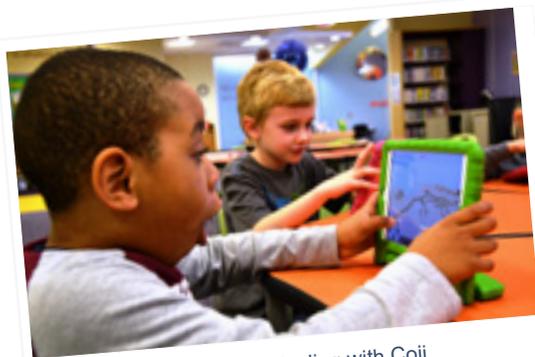


FRANCIS HOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Connection

Spring
2017



Central Elementary - Coding with Coji



Francis Howell Central High School Pink Out



Saeger Middle Students Coding



AP Chemistry at Francis Howell High School



Central Early Childhood Students Working on a Project



FHSD Job Fair at Francis Howell North



Dear FHSD Community,

As we head into the final quarter and I reflect on the school year, there is much to celebrate. All of our high schools were recognized by MSHSAA as "Leadership Schools," the District earned the Meritorious Budget Award for the eleventh year, we continue to increase our community engagement, and we have again increased the number of students taking Advanced Placement classes and earning national honors.

This year has also had its challenges; a failed tax levy in November has forced the District to make difficult financial decisions. Textbooks, training, and curriculum adoptions have been paused, and salaries for all FHSD staff will be frozen for the second consecutive year. We will continue to identify areas where resources can be reallocated to meet the needs of the District.

This summer, FHSD's summer school program, fully funded by the state, will allow students to access

STEM and technology camps, as well as provide programs for struggling students. For the first time, FHSD will pilot a program that will allow many of our kindergarteners to get a taste of school prior to the official first day.

In the coming months, the District will begin work on the next five-year strategic plan. This process will allow stakeholders to have a voice in the future focus of our District. I encourage all of our community members to be actively involved in this important process.

On April 4, there will be a Board of Education election. Our current president, Mr. Mark Lafata, is not running for re-election. Throughout his tenure, there have been many changes and tough decisions, and I would like to thank him for his fifteen years of service and dedication. As we finish the school year, I want to thank our staff, volunteers, parents, business partners, and community members for your continued support. Your dedication makes a difference in the future of our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Hendricks-Harris
Superintendent

Connect with FHSD

There are many ways to stay connected to the Francis Howell School District. Watch for the next edition of "The Connection" this summer.



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FHSD's STEAM, STEM, and APP Summer Programs

FHSD will host summer enrichment programs for elementary and middle school students. The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) program for elementary and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program and App Camp for middle school students provide

opportunities for students looking for challenging experiences that extend beyond the academic year.

The STEAM and STEM programs challenge students to collaborate, think critically, and problem-solve. These programs encourage students to take more thoughtful risks,

engage in experiential learning, and work through the creative process.

During the App Camp, students learn to create and market a mobile app. They will construct a storyboard, use programming languages, and develop a marketing plan to make a pitch for their app. The programs

start at the beginning of June and run through the end of July. Enrollment was completed online in early March. Due to the large volume of enrollments, students are selected to attend by lottery and will be notified via email the week of April 3.

	Level & Grades	Locations	Dates	Times
STEAM	Elementary Grades 2 - 5	Becky-David Elementary	Week 1: June 5 – June 8, Week 2: June 12 – June 15, Week 3: June 19 – June 22, Week 4: June 26 – June 29, Week 5: July 10 – July 13, Week 6: July 17 – July 20	8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
STEM	Middle Grades 6 - 8	Barnwell Middle	Week 1: June 5 – June 9 Week 2: June 12 – June 16	8:45 AM – 3:15 PM
APP	Middle Grades 6 - 8	Barnwell Middle	Week 1: June 5 – June 9 Week 2: June 12 – June 16	8:45 AM – 3:15 PM



Last summer, middle school students constructed a water fueled rocket.

Parents as Teachers Program



Parent educators visit the home to provide child development information.

The FHSD Parents as Teachers (PAT) program is a free and voluntary early learning program for families with children - prenatal to age 5 (prior to kindergarten entry). The PAT program is a partnership that has been proven to effectively support families and young children during the crucial early years. Research has shown that children whose parents were involved in PAT are significantly advanced over their peers in language, social development,

problem solving, and intellectual abilities.

Contact one of the Early Childhood Centers to enroll:

Hackmann Road
636-851-6200

Central School Road
636-851-6400

Meadows Parkway
636-851-6000

Services that families receive include:



Periodic Check-Ins

Periodic check-ins including screenings in overall development, language, hearing, and vision are provided in the home. The screenings provide parents with information on the growth of their child, and the early detection of problems.



Personal Family Visits

Personal family visits with a parent educator trained in child development provide parents with developmental information, and an opportunity to observe and discuss your child's individual development.



Group Connections

Group connections are offered on topics of interest to parents as another avenue to gain developmental information.



Resources

Resources are available for families who need additional services when indicated through screenings or at the request of parents.

National Board Certified Teachers



Honoring this year's National Board Certified Teachers.

The Francis Howell School District is proud to announce that seven teachers have recently earned or renewed their National Board Certification, which is the highest credential in the teaching profession. The District now has 106 teachers who have achieved this distinction, and more than 10% of all National Board Certified Teachers in the state of Missouri work in FHSD.

The District congratulates Becky-David Elementary teacher Christi Kolath, FHSD's newest National Board Certified teacher. Those teachers renewing their certification include Janet Eubanks, Francis Howell High School; Diane Fingers, Francis Howell North High School; Roderick Laughman, Hollenbeck Middle School; Katie Mastorakos, Francis Howell Central High School; Jennifer Miller, Francis Howell Central High School; and Shelly Parks, Francis Howell North High School.

National Board Certified Teachers are highly accomplished educators who meet rigorous standards. The certification, through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), is a voluntary process in which teachers work to advance the quality of teaching and learning.

Francis Howell Earns Meritorious Budget Award

The Association of School Business Officials International has awarded the Francis Howell School District the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for excellence in budget presentation for the 2016-17 budget year. This is the eleventh consecutive year that the District has been recognized with the MBA.

"I am proud to be associated with such an outstanding school district," said Chief Operating Officer Kevin Supple. "This award is a positive reflection of the commitment by the entire finance

department team to continuing to manage the District's finances and other resources in the most effective and efficient manner."

The MBA promotes and recognizes excellence in school budget presentation and enhances school business officials' skills in developing, analyzing, and presenting a school system budget. After a rigorous review by professional viewers, the award is conferred only on school districts that have met or exceeded the program's stringent criteria.



Francis Howell School District staff accepting the MBA.

2016 - 17 Second Quarter Finance Facts

REVENUES

	Actual 2015-16	Budgeted 2016-17	Actual 2016-17	% Received YTD
Local	\$ (116,591)	\$ (117,076)	\$ (70,183)	59.95%
County	\$ (2,863)	\$ (2,845)	\$ (357)	12.53%
State	\$ (51,110)	\$ (51,985)	\$ (22,591)	43.46%
Federal	\$ (6,310)	\$ (6,766)	\$ (2,100)	31.04%
Other	\$ (2,374)	\$ (2,488)	\$ (755)	30.35%
Total	\$ (179,247)	\$ (181,160)	\$ (95,985)	52.98%

EXPENDITURES

	Actual 2015-16	Budgeted 2016-17	Actual 2016-17	% Expended
Salaries	\$ 119,010	\$ 116,900	\$ 51,036	43.66%
Benefits	\$ 36,140	\$ 36,646	\$ 18,471	50.40%
Purchased Services	\$ 20,421	\$ 21,375	\$ 10,637	49.76%
Supplies	\$ 6,862	\$ 8,140	\$ 3,665	45.03%
Total	\$ 182,433	\$ 183,061	\$ 83,808	45.78%

FUND BALANCE

	Actual 2015-16	Expended 2016-17
	\$ 36,319	\$ 33,918
Fund Balance as a % of Expenditures	19.91%	18.53%

* \$ in the 000s



Funding Withheld

\$96 million or 52.98% of the FY17 revenue budget has been received year to date. December revenue includes the initial tax revenues received by the District. Basic State Aid and Proposition C (Sales Tax) funding are currently trending at a higher rate than last year. Gaming Revenue is holding similar to last year.



Budget Reductions

FY17 Budget reflects reductions of \$4M. Salary and Benefit expenditures are trending similar to prior year. Supplies expenditures reflect middle school math textbook purchases made last year but paid in this fiscal year.



Fund Balance Policy

The FY17 Budget includes a transfer to the Capital Fund. The projected ending Fund Balance meets the District's Fund Balance policy. The Fund Balance provides the financial resources necessary to meet operating expenses prior to receipt of tax revenue in December.



FHSD Earns Top marks on Annual Audit

FHSD received an unmodified opinion on its audited financial statements, which is the best a school district can receive, and means the District is fairly presenting its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and is maintaining good internal controls over District finances.

FHSD Budget Reductions

As part of FHSD's continuing efforts to reduce expenditures and increase non-tax revenue, the Board of Education directed District administration to launch three different task forces for further study of transportation, extra-curricular activities, and non-tax revenue sources.

The task forces will be comprised of both staff and community members, with a special focus

on identifying individuals who have areas of expertise that correspond with the work of each task force. The task forces will begin their work this spring, and preliminary updates will be provided to the Board of Education prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The Board of Education has also received a Software Utilization Report from the Technology

Department that identifies all of the software currently in use in the District. Administration will use this report to help identify potential savings by discontinuing underutilized or duplicate programs. The District will discontinue its subscription to Galileo, an assessment that helps teachers identify student instructional needs. This change alone will save the District more than \$70,000 annually.



Transportation

Consideration of "walk zones"



Extra-Curricular

Consideration of fee structures or extra-curricular reductions



Non-Tax Revenue Sources

Investigation of other revenue sources

Recycling Event April 29



Over 20,000 lbs were recycled at last year's event.

FHSD will be hosting a community appliance and electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 9 AM – 1 PM. Items can be dropped off at the FHSD Burbes Service Center located at 4606 Central School Road in St. Charles.

Residents are encouraged to bring their old or broken electronics and appliances for disposal. Visit www.fhdschools.org for a list of acceptable items.

Board of Education Election

Five Francis Howell School District citizens will be vying for three seats on the Board of Education in the April 4, 2017, election. The three-year terms of current Board members Rene Cope, Mark Lafata, and Mike Sommer will expire in April 2017.

In order, as their names will appear on the ballot, the school board candidates are:

Patrick Lane - Patrick.Lane.Educator@gmail.com

Rene Cope (Incumbent) - Vote4Cope@gmail.com

Mary Lange - MLange0521@gmail.com

Mike Sommer (Incumbent) - MikeSommerCPA@aol.com

Stephen Johnson - JohnsonforFHSD@gmail.com

Learn more about the Board Candidates at the Meet the Candidate Night, hosted by FHC Publications, on March 29, 2017. The event will be held at the Francis Howell Central High School Auditorium at 7 PM.

Senior PALS Dinner & Play April 5



PALS enjoyed dinner and a play at FHC this past fall.

The next Senior PALS event will be dinner and a play on April 5, at 4:30 PM. The play, *Grease*, will be held at Francis Howell North High School.

Senior PALS is open to any FHSD resident 60 and older. Thanks to the generosity of Sodexo, FHSD's food service provider, there is no cost to attend. However, reservations are required so that we can accommodate all guests. To RSVP, please call 636-851-4602.

FHSD Calendar of Events

March	April	April	May	June	June	August	August
29	4	29	19	3	5	3	9
Meet the Candidate Night	Board of Education Election	Appliance and Electronic Recycling Event	Last Day of School	FHSD High School Graduation	First Day of Summer School	Transition Day (6th & 9th Graders)	First Day of School