

Opening Doors

Connecting You to Franklin Public Schools



A Message from the Superintendent

It is an exciting time to be a part of Franklin Public Schools. While summer may seem like a relaxing time, our District schedule is full of planning and preparations for the new school year. We are preparing for you to come back for another exciting school year in September!

Each new school year brings new educators to our District; please see page two for an introduction to our District administrators. We are excited to welcome them, as well as all of our new staff, to Franklin Public Schools.

Please read the article below about our Middle School facilities referendum. Our district has needs for that building, structurally as well as academically, and we believe the best time to address these needs is now. We are looking forward to working with the Franklin community to address those needs for the future success of our students and community.

Thank you for continued support of Franklin Public Schools.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steve Patz, Superintendent

Board Moves Forward with Facilities Referendum

The Franklin Public School District Board of Education is moving forward with a facilities referendum to address identified needs at Forest Park Middle School. Renovations to the building are the second phase of the District's facilities master plan that was drafted with community input in 2012.

Identified needs at the middle school include:

- ∞ Creating enough capacity for a 6-8 grade configuration
- ∞ Improving building security
- ∞ Providing appropriate classroom sizes
- ∞ Expanding support areas, such as lunchroom and gymnasium
- ∞ Improving the efficiency of the buildings heating, cooling and plumbing systems

The District hired Plunkett Raysich Architects to help the District develop proposed solutions to these needs, and a community-wide survey gathered resident feedback on the proposed options. More than 2,300 district residents participated in the survey.

"After reviewing our citizen input, the Board has committed to moving forward with a facilities referendum. We will work closely with the Board, our architects and the community in the coming months to identify and carefully evaluate renovation and building options," noted District Administrator Dr. Steve Patz.

"Our goal is to identify viable long-term solutions to our facilities needs at Forest Park. We will then seek input from staff and the broader community."

Residents will have the opportunity to learn about the developing options, ask questions, and offer specific feedback in early fall 2016 at community listening sessions. For more information, please contact District Administrator Dr. Steve Patz.

Mark Your Calendars!

8/1 Franklin Night Out
Public Library 6-9 PM
Come visit the School Board!

8/29 Open House Night
Forest Park Middle 5:30- 7:00

8/30 Open House Night
All Elementary Schools 5:30-7:00

Franklin High School 6:00-7:30

Parent Reminder: Back-to-School Check-In starts August 1st. Watch your email for important updates.

ENROLL NOW

Online registration is open at
www.franklinpublicschools.org
Click on "New Families"



FPS Announces District and School Administrators

As the District prepares for the 2016-2017 school year, we are pleased to announce the following individuals who will fill District or building leadership positions as of July 1, 2016:



Mrs. Julie Preman will be serving as the District's Pupil Services Director. Mrs. Preman comes from CESA 1 (Cooperative Educational Services Agency) where she worked as the Assistant Director of Pupil Services since 2007. She has a Masters Degree in Speech and Language Pathology and is licensed as a Director of Pupil Services.

Franklin High School: Mrs. Susan Rach, former Associate Principal of Franklin High School, will serve as the FHS building principal for the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Rach has been with our District since 2012.

Mr. Brian Karolewicz will serve as Associate Principal at Franklin High School. Mr. Karolewicz has been with Franklin Public Schools since 1999 and most recently taught social studies at FHS.

Forest Park Middle School: Mrs. Erin King has been named Building Principal of Forest Park Middle School. Mrs. King has been serving as the Associate Principal at Forest Park since 2013.

Mr. Jacob Misiak has been named the Associate Principal at Forest Park Middle School. Mr. Misiak possesses a Masters degree in Educational Psychology and in Educational Leadership. Mr. Misiak has 11 years teaching math and science at the middle school level.



Superintendent Dr. Steve Patz says, "We are confident that these talented individuals will lead our District with pride and assist our students and staff in growing and achieving at high levels of academic excellence."

"Fiddler" Wins Tommy Awards



Congratulations to the FHS students and staff who have won eight Tommy Awards for their production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Outstanding Orchestra	<i>Brandon Heath (Motel)</i>
Outstanding Lead Performance	<i>Emma Brockman (Chava)</i>
Outstanding Supporting Performance	<i>Hailey Hentz (Tzeitel)</i>
Outstanding Supporting Performance	<i>Simrah Awan (Golde)</i>
Spirit Award	<i>Allison Umhoefer</i>
Outstanding Musical Direction	<i>Jamie Schlecht</i>
Outstanding Musical Direction	
<u>Outstanding Overall Design</u>	
Scenic and Lighting Design, Sound	<i>Steve Krause</i>
Costume Design	<i>Colleen Jaskulski / Cameron Brockman / Megan Murray</i>

The Tommy Awards program is an education initiative from Overture Center for the Arts, Madison's downtown performing arts center, dedicated to engaging the community in the arts.

Now Seeking Bus Drivers: Provide safe & efficient transportation using small District buses (29 passengers). 25-35 hours/week. Shifts could include mornings, afternoon, both morning and afternoon split shifts or potential job shared positions. Charter work may be available evenings and weekends but not required. A valid driver's license with CDL is required with a school bus and passenger endorsements. District is willing to train for qualified applicants. A bonus of \$500 will be paid to the employee after the first three months of service followed by another \$500 bonus after successfully completing six months of service. See job requirements and apply at: <https://services.education.wisc.edu/wecan/> EOE

Busses Add Warning Lights

Effective August 16, 2016, school busses are required to display both an amber warning light and a red warning light on the school bus.

AMBER WARNING LIGHTS: Amber warning lights will be used as a cautionary indicator that the bus will be coming to a stop and will be activating its RED warning lights. Traffic is allowed to pass the school bus with CAUTION but be prepared and expect the bus driver to switch to the red warning lights.

RED WARNING LIGHTS: When the red warning lights are on, a driver MUST STOP NOT LESS THAN 20 FEET from the bus and remain stopped until the bus resumes motion and the bus driver extinguishes the flashing red warning lights. Drivers are required to stop whether the stop arm of the bus is out or not (SS.346.48(1)).

This law does not apply to vehicles driving in the opposite direction on a HIGHWAY DIVIDED BY A CENTER MEDIAN, but does apply if no median is present on a multi-lane street or highway. Failure to stop will result in a minimum of a \$326.50 fine and 4 points. A red warning light violation can be reported by your local police, bus driver or other concerned citizen within a 24-hour period from the time of the violation.

It is illegal to turn right in front of a stopped bus, whether it's flashing yellow lights or red lights.

