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COUNTY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Rhonda C. Schuhler, Ed.D

Superintendent's Report June 30, 2022

Digital Learning Grant

Blueprint Goal 1: Preparing FCS Students for College, Career and Life Beyond the Classroom

The FCS Technology Department was awarded one of 13 statewide grants to implement a digital learning model with teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. In the amount of \$29,160, this grant will provide professional development opportunities to teachers through three Saturday convenings during the school year. These sessions will focus on the digital learning competencies, effective digital integration, and the role effective digital resources can play in positively impacting teaching and learning. Sondra Ayscue, Director of Technology, and her team developed the grant proposal and are to be commended for their efforts to secure these funds for the district.

Academic Progress

Blueprint Goal 2: Achieving Student Success in Academic Areas

As you are aware, our students complete End of Grade (EOG) testing in grades 3-8 and End of Course (EOC) testing in our high schools at the end of each academic year. Although our test data is embargoed until the State Board approves it in early September, we would like to share that we saw significant overall academic gains this school year. Our school staff are to be commended for their hard work and accomplishments in helping students achieve these gains despite staffing shortages and challenges associated with management of COVID-19 in the school setting.

Student Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding

Blueprint Goal 3: Creating a Safe, Orderly and Caring Environment for Students

We are pleased to share that we have renewed our memorandum of understanding with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Louisburg Police Department, and the Franklinton Police Department. The agreement provides Student Resource Officers (SROs) in our schools. We have learned that the next round of SRO grant applications will be released this summer and we will be applying.

Dr. Schuler and Dr. Webb met with the Sheriff and Law Enforcement Chiefs of all municipalities regarding school safety. Our Law Enforcement partners shared their prevention and response information, and we had a productive conversation about school safety. During the meeting, it was decided that each agency would meet with our team at each school and do a walkthrough safety assessment, with ongoing follow ups and increased coverage of our facilities. We are very fortunate to have such an open and cooperative relationship with our Law Enforcement community.

Many of our summer projects are addressing safety concerns. In addition to our normal door/lock maintenance and upfits, we are in the process of adding access control to several of our multi-building facilities.

Expanded Lighting Grant



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You'll recall that we received a lighting grant from Duke Progress to upfit the gyms to LED lighting at Franklinton Elementary School and Bunn Elementary School. We received news that Duke Progress has additional funds and will be adding Laurel Mill Elementary School to the program as well. We are grateful for the support from Duke Progress.

Recruitment

Blueprint Goal 4: Recruiting, Supporting, and Retaining High Quality Staff

FCS is utilizing university career center online job boards to advertise current vacancies. In addition, we are using social media, including paid advertisements targeting our surrounding area, to promote our financial incentives for teachers in Franklin County, which are the equivalent of a 16% or greater supplement (factoring in retention bonus, longevity, and 8% supplement), in addition to life insurance and dental insurance. We are also planning for this year's New Teacher Institute, which will be held in August.