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Superintendent's Report April 14, 2025

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

Career and College Fair

Franklin County Schools (FCS) is hosting a county-wide career and college fair for 11th and 12th-grade students from Bunn High School, Franklinton High School, Early College High School, and Louisburg Magnet High School. The event will take place on Thursday, April 24th, from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the gymnasium at Franklinton High School.

A total of 305 high school students have registered to attend, and 63 career professionals from various sectors, including private business, government, military, and academia, have volunteered to share valuable career and college information with the students.

Blueprint Goal 2: Achieving Student Success in Academic Areas

2025 Ultimate Book Showdown – Inaugural Year

The first-ever Ultimate Book Showdown (UBS) brought together elementary, middle, and high school teams in an exciting battle of literary knowledge and strategy. Replacing the former Battle of the Books while maintaining many of its beloved processes and procedures, UBS showcased the dedication, teamwork, and passion of students from across the district.

After an intense competition of impressive recall of book details, the 2025 UBS Champions are:

- **Bunn Elementary** – Elementary Division Winner
- **Cedar Creek Middle** – Middle School Division Winner
- **Franklinton High** – High School Division Winner

The success of the Ultimate Book Showdown is a testament to the students' hard work and love for reading, the dedicated school staff who coach and support the teams, and the parents, guardians, family, and friends who cheer them on every step of the way. Their encouragement and enthusiasm fuel this program's success and ensure that UBS will continue to be a celebrated tradition for years to come. Congratulations to all the participants—your commitment to reading and learning is truly inspiring!

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

The Terrell Lane chiller replacement project is now underway. According to the vendor, if everything stays on schedule, the new unit should be fully operational by April 16. This is great news as we head into



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warmer weather. Additionally, the operations team is beginning new projects funded by recently awarded grant money, continuing our efforts to upgrade and enhance our access control systems.

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

Franklin County Schools is committed to ensuring a welcoming and supportive environment for all educators and staff. We continue to walk alongside our beginning teachers as they grow in their practice and work toward full licensure. Through our partnership with Dr. Laura Wilson and the Early College High School, we are working to expand our Teachers Educated and Cultivated at Home (TEACH) program, which inspires local students to consider careers in education and return to serve in our schools. As we look ahead to the 2025–26 school year, we’re actively recruiting new staff—offering school tours to help candidates get to know our district. We also invite interested applicants to join us at our Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, May 17th from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at Long Mill Elementary School and our Classified Employee Job Fair on Wednesday, May 21st from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Central Office Building A.