



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

Friday Update 1/13/6

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
STAC Meeting	1/18/6	4:00 p.m.	LES
Special Called Board Meeting – SIPs	1/23	6:00 p.m.	High and Middle Schools –MMC
Special Called Board Meeting – SIPs	1/23	7:00 p.m.	Elementary Schools – MMC
Carlene Murphy Visit	1/23-1/27	----	All Schools
Early Dismissal – Traditional and Year Round	1/25/6	----	----
BOE C+I Committee	2/2	4:00 p.m.	MMC
PTA/PTO Council	2/9	7:00 p.m.	MMC
SHAC Meeting	2/10	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Annex – WRRRA
BOE Policy Committee	2/13	6:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Meeting	2/13	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	2/15	8:30 a.m.	MMC
Long-Range Facility Plan Task Force Meeting	2/20	7:00 p.m.	MMC
APs Meeting/Academy	2/21	4:00 p.m.	EBES

SORRY FOR THE DELAY: Unexpected events conspired to prevent me from publishing the Friday Update on Friday! I hope you had a good Martin Luther King's Birthday break and my very best to the high schools as they complete the first round of EOCs.

Promotion, Step by Step: Attached to the e-mail transmitting the *Friday Update* are four documents: a letter to parents regarding the testing and promotion procedures and an EOG flier called Promotion, Step by Step. Both documents are provided in color and black and white. If you have a color copier, please make color copies for your teachers. If not, call Jane-Waring Wheeler, and she will send you color copies. Also, Jane is making poster-size copies to post throughout the school. Please make black and white copies of the letter and flier to send home with report cards. Teachers may use the letter and flier when meeting with parents regarding promotion and retention. Lastly, please talk about the new promotion and test/retest calendar at your next PTA/PTO meeting. For the new procedure to work, we must get the word out early and consistently. If you have any other ideas to help get the word out, please share.

ESL Workshop is scheduled for January 20th from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Presenters will give an overview of the ESL Program, Latino Culture, Second Language Acquisition, Introduction to Spanish, Classroom Strategies, and ESL Websites. The workshop is geared to administrators, principals, teachers, teacher assistants, coaches and CRTs. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants who will receive .7 hours of renewal credit. This is a repeat workshop from October of 2004. At the time, participants commented, "I never realized how much ESL students went through." "I really like learning how to say everyday words in Spanish." "I had a great time in this class and learned a lot." For more information, please call Ginger Kannon at 496-1592 or e-mail her at gingerkannon@fcschools.net.

BOE Resolution: At the January 2006 board meeting, the board voted unanimously to request \$45 million from the Board of County Commissioners. Funds would be used to build a replacement high school for Franklinton, complete funding for a partially funded (2004 Bond) new elementary school, and complete the construction projects at Bunn and Louisburg High Schools. As many of you know, this does not satisfy all our construction

needs. The BOE is convening a Long-Range Facility Plan Task Force. A teacher and parent from each school have been invited to participate. Additionally, all principals, Leadership Team, and the entire Board of Education will participate. The first meeting is scheduled for February 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Media Center. If you would like input into the discussion, please contact any member of the task force.

Leandro Meeting: Last Friday, several members of the Leadership Team had the pleasure of hearing Judge Howard Manning's speech at the Quarterly Leandro Meeting. Judge Manning reviewed the history of the Leandro Decision and gave us a glimpse of what we can expect in the future. The "New Formula" will be in place for the 2006/2007 school year, and that could mean Franklin County could get a reduced allotment. As we learn more, we will be sure to pass on the information as soon as we get it.

**Bert L'Homme,
Superintendent**