



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

## Friday Update 5/5/6

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Board of Education Meeting	5/8/6	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	5/10	8:30 a.m.	MMC
Child Nutrition Banquet	5/18	6:30 p.m.	Louisburg College
Early Release Day	5/24	----	Traditional and Year Round
Band, Music, and Art Teachers' Meeting	5/24	4:00 p.m.	LHS
Dropout Prevention Meeting	5/25	4:00 p.m.	FHS
Teacher Workday	5/26	----	Year Round Calendar
STAC Meeting	5/31	4:00 p.m.	YES
Teacher of the Year Dinner	6/1	5:30 p.m.	Louisburg Methodist Church
Board of Education Meeting	6/5	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Last Day of School	6/9	----	Traditional Calendar
Annual Retirement Dinner	6/12	6:00 p.m.	MMC
Elementary Principals' Meeting	6/13	8:30 a.m.	MMC
FCS Honors Program	6/14	11:00 a.m.	LES
Graduation Day – Louisburg College Auditorium	6/15	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Franklinton High School Louisburg High School Bunn High School
Last Day of School	6/16	----	Year Round Calendar
Middle School Principals' Meeting	6/20	8:30 a.m.	Riverside Elementary Magnet School
High School Principals' Meeting	6/21	8:30 a.m.	Riverside Elementary Magnet School
Annual Principals' Retreat	8/10	8:30 a.m.	
Annual FCS Convocation	8/21	8:30 a.m.	

### A special thanks to all who worked on the bond campaign

Today is a great day for students in Franklin County! One of the most important reasons the future looks bright is because our school district is supported by people like you who are willing to stand up and do the right thing even when it is difficult or unpopular. It is unfortunate that the proposed \$45 million school bond was not popular with the majority of voters last Tuesday, even though you and I and thousands of other Franklin County citizens knew it was the right thing to do.

The defeat of the referendum was certainly disappointing for those of us who envisioned adequate classrooms for all our students. I hope you do not think, however, that your efforts supporting the bond were in vain. Despite the loss, we have made great strides in letting the citizens of this county understand our facility needs. We have opened crucial doors of communication with the public and we have demonstrated our commitment to spend each dollar we have wisely. Please know that your contribution in this important process was –

and continues to be – both valuable and appreciated.

The bond defeat notwithstanding, new students will continue to pour into our district and, as always, we will welcome each one. We will continue to offer all our students an academically outstanding education in a nurturing environment. We have a good school system! We have great teachers; we have great students; and we have wonderful community partners. I hope that you will remain a partner in this endeavor.

Whatever the reason Franklin County voters declined to support this bond, I am confident we did what we should. The extra step you took in support of this campaign shows me – and the entire county – your leadership, your wisdom and your willingness to step up to the plate and go to bat for our children. I sincerely thank you for that. That support gives me courage and hope for the future of Franklin County Schools.

**NCWISE:** The elementary data managers have been working diligently this week on scheduling for 2006-2007. This is an involved, time consuming process that has to be in place now before we go into the Year End Transition the end of June. The middle and high schools will be doing the same thing next week for their 2006-2007 scheduling. We realize these critical staff members are missed when they are not in the school, but we have to meet NCWISE requirements for the work they are doing now.

*Important dates to remember:* State maintenance week May 19-22  
State maintenance week June 23-26  
Year End Transition June 30-July 10 – Patty Jones

**TESTING:** During these next few weeks, we will be experiencing new types of testing for our ESL and EC students. These will involve teachers actually doing the final scoring on-line. We have a variety of field tests to complete as well as our regular EOGs and EOCs. This will be a busy time for testing coordinators in our schools as they prepare testing plans, mod groups and trainings. Please support them as they need time to carryout the many duties that are required of building-level testing coordinators. We have a strong, fair testing program in our system through the efforts of these coordinators and the support they get in their schools. – Patty Jones

**NEW STATE HEALTH PLAN:** All employees who are currently enrolled in the Comprehensive Major Medical plan (CMM) will begin receiving open enrollment kits, at their home address, pertaining to the new PPO's that will be offered. The open enrollment window is from May 22, 2006 - June 30, 2006 for their health insurance options. *The HR benefits department is unable to advise employees as to which plan they should choose.*

You can view a 22-minute presentation about the new State Health Plan. Go to the Franklin County Schools' home page and click on "New Options for Your State Health Plan" to view a summary of the new North Carolina *SmartChoice* plans and how to enroll. You'll be able to view the slides and hear audio that explains the new health plan to you. To hear the audio, make sure your computer's speakers are on. Then, just sit back and watch. The slides will proceed automatically. (For any work force that does not have immediate access to this presentation, it is suggested that their supervisor allow them to view this information as a group.)

Here are a few more pointers:

- If you would like to hear a certain slide again, just click on the slide title in the table of contents box you see on the left side of your screen.
- At the bottom of your screen, you'll see symbols that allow you to play, stop, rewind, fast-forward or pause this presentation. Click on these buttons with your mouse to play the information that is important to you.
- If you would like to read the text of the presentation instead of listening to the audio, click on the tools icon (that looks like a wrench) in the bottom right hand corner of the screen. Then click on "view slide notes."
- You'll be able to access this presentation from any computer with an Internet connection throughout the open enrollment period.

– Mary Leigh Inscoe

**Artists Abound:** The Franklin County Schools Art Shows will be presented at the Louisburg College Art Gallery beginning next week. Featured May 10-18 will be art by students in grades K-11. Beginning May 24 and running through graduation on June 15, art by our high school seniors will be on display.

**Gang Awareness Training:** The NC Governor's Crime Commission and the Franklin County Crime Prevention Council are sponsoring community gang awareness training. The presenter will be Detective Elliott Hoskins (Durham Police Department). The seminar is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at the Hamilton Hobgood Courthouse Annex, 113 South Main Street, Louisburg.

**Have A Great Weekend,  
Bert L'Homme,  
Superintendent**