

# Franklin County Schools



## Friday Update 2/4/5

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Board Meeting	2/14/5	7:30 p.m.	Mitchell Media
Principals' Meeting	2/16/5	8:30 a.m.	Mitchell Media
Assistant Principals' Meeting	2/22/5	8:00 a.m.	Mitchell Media
Dropout Committee Meeting	2/24/5	4:00 p.m.	Mitchell Media
Assistant Principals' Academy	3/1/5	4:00 p.m.	Central Office ****

**Student Reassignment Plan:** Prior to January 31<sup>st</sup> we received an official letter from the U.S. Department of Justice endorsing the board's Alternate 21 plan. Also, we received an e-mail from Mr. Kelly Carey (Consultant) stating that he endorsed the plan. This past week we received a letter from Mr. Simmons, the plaintiff's attorney, raising several questions. He indicated that he would give Franklin County Schools a final decision within fifteen days. It appears that we are slowly arriving at a resolution to the long standing desegregation order. Once we hear from all parties, the attorneys will present the results to Judge Fox in Wilmington. As soon as we hear something, we will let you know.

**Summer School Principals:** Nancy Houston was appointed summer school principal for elementary schools and Onnie Mitchell Burrell was appointed middle school principal. An initial organizational meeting was held on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. As many of you know we will have summer school for all students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade who do not pass the EOG. Summer school will be a full day and last four weeks. For more information regarding the new promotion and retention standards visit the FCS website for Policy 3420 and the Promotion/Retention brochure.

**Students At-Risk of Failing (Grade 3-8):** Teachers, please contact parents or guardians for students who are "at-risk" of failing their grade. It's preferable that you have a face to face meeting so that you can review the PEP and make necessary adjustments for the remainder of the school year.

**Students At-Risk of Failing (Grades 9-12):** This past week, I visited Chris Blice at Louisburg High School. At the end of the first six weeks of the second semester, Chris and his teachers will identify students at risk of failing EOC courses. Subsequently, departments and administrators will develop and implement a plan to support and remediate during the second and third six weeks. Sounds like a great plan!

**Assistant Principals\*\*\*:** In order to accommodate everyone's schedule, I changed the date of the AP's Academy. The Academy will meet March 1<sup>st</sup> at a location that will be announced next week.

**Suspension Committee:** The Suspension Committee met for the last time and completed revisions to the Code of Student Conduct. Next week I will attach a copy of the revisions to the Friday Update. Please review with your School Improvement Teams and PTA/PTOs. The committee will present the revised plan to the Policy Committee at their March meeting. This will give us ample time to prepare the policy for the 2005/2006 school year.

**Whole Faculty Study Groups (WFSG):** This week a representative from each school will travel to Augusta, Georgia to attend the WFSG Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity for schools to get questions answered and plan for the remainder of the school year and for next year. I am anxious to hear about the conference and how it will affect our focus groups and Instructional Council meetings.

**Dropout Numbers:** The official Dropout Report for the 2003/2004 school year is now posted on the DPI website. If you would like to see the full report, go to <http://www.ncpublicschools.org> and click on "In the News". Franklin County numbers are listed below:

Span	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Gr. 7-12	159	205	147	144	152	156
%	4.94	6.06	4.31	4.14	4.18	4.4
Gr. 9-12	145	186	135	136	140	145
%	7.25	8.77	6.35	6.12	6.13	6.16

Have a great weekend,

**Bert L'Homme, Superintendent**