

# Franklin County Schools



## Friday Update 10/15/4

**Leandro Funding:** We just received a memo from DPI listing the amount of money that Franklin County could potentially receive and the guidelines for allocating funds. As usual, DPI has given us a very short turn-around-time. Our plan is due in Raleigh on November 12<sup>th</sup>! You will receive a copy of the memo with the guidelines in your mail box this afternoon. In the next week or so, we will schedule a meeting for principals, C+I and the Leadership Team to discuss how these funds can support district initiatives. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

**Gateways and Promotion:** Principals please read the following proposal and discuss with your faculty. If possible, please e-mail me concerns and questions by the end of the month. To get the proposal in place for this school year I will submit it to the policy committee in November and before the full board in December.

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade who do not earn a 3 or 4 on the EOG will retake the test prior to the last day of school. Students in the Gateway Grades (3, 5, and 8) who do not earn a 3 or 4 on the second administration of the EOG will attend summer school. (Students who are assigned to summer school and choose not to attend will be retained in their current grade.) Students who do not earn a 3 or 4 on the third administration of the EOG at the end of summer school will be sent to the Waiver Committee. The Waiver Committee will make a recommendation to the principal to either promote or retain the student.

This means that FCS will abandon the **1 SE** as a criterion for promotion at the Gateway years. At this point we do not think we need a change in policy to alter our procedure. In the next week or so we will check with the Board Policy Committee, DPI, and our attorney. I welcome and invite your comments and suggestions.

**Summer School:** We seriously and deliberately considered the suggestion that we push EOG testing to the last week of school. Everyone thinks that the proposal is a good idea and will benefit our students. However, to change our testing calendar and require students to attend summer school in order to take the second administration of the EOG would require a change in board policy. Consequently, we will place this proposal before the board for the 2005/2006 school year.

**Bond Referendum:** Thank you for all your help and support as we get closer and closer to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I think that I have spoken to most faculties and to many of your PTA/PTOs. If parents have questions that you are unable to answer, please do not hesitate to call us at Central Office.

**State Fair:** If you attend the State Fair, be sure to go to the Kerr Scott building to view the 66 pieces of art from our students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. We have a number of very talented artists in our county. This is the third consecutive year Franklin County Schools have been represented at the fair. So don't go to the fair just to see the goats and cows, go view some real art!

**Have a great weekend,  
Bert**