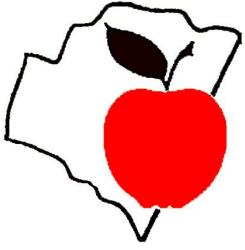


Franklin County Schools



Friday Update 11/4/4

Bond Referendum Passes: Thank you and thank you again for all your hard work. The School Bond passed for many reasons. The most important reason is that the community values their public schools and they are pleased with the education their children receive. Another reason is that the community - people from both sides of the aisle and from every geographic area - chose to support the bond. The Board of Education/Facilities Committee will meet Monday night and decide where to begin. Again, thank you and if there are signs near or around your school, please take them down. Attached to the e-mail is a copy of the press release announcing the passage of the school bond.

Leandro Funds (Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Funding): The Leadership Team met with Dr. Elsie Leak and Philip Price at DPI to examine the parameters for spending Leandro funds. We must concentrate expenditures in the following areas: teacher recruitment and retention, class size reduction, and supporting PEPs (remediation). As I mentioned last week we must submit our plan on November 12th with Board of Education Approval. We will e-mail a draft copy of the plan by Monday morning. Any comments or suggestions, please let us know ASAP, because we will go to the Board on Monday night. We will discuss the plan in detail at the Principals' Meeting on Wednesday. DPI assured us that we could make changes during the school year if conditions warranted changes.

ID Badges: Lifetouch will take photos for ID badges next Thursday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym at Royal Elementary. Gwen Buckaloo from Lifetouch tells us there will be four photographers present, so things should move along pretty quickly. All FCS employees who do not have photo ID badges are required to get one. Should you have any questions please call Deb DeSantis or me.

November Meeting Reminders: Attached to this e-mail is a copy of the November calendar that is prepared by Ms. Street's office.

PE Central: Shelby Street alerted us to a great website for your Physical Education Teachers. The website is www.pecentral.com. The site is geared to kindergarten through grade 12.

Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council: The Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council met on Thursday, November 4 at Royal Elementary School. After being duly thanked for all the support given for the school bond, the council members discussed an article on "whole-faculty study groups" using the protocol, The Final Word. This was followed by each school representative sharing their school's experience with the WFSG training so far. Schools were at various stages of training as well as various stages of endorsement with the process. It certainly will take time to see the "pieces fit", but ultimately WFSG will be the vehicle of professional development and collegial sharing that leads to increased student achievement. There were updates on the Leandro Funds, Curriculum and Instruction, and the Healthy Active Children needs assessment. The council members were given copies of the responses to issues from the last meeting. (see attachment) The dedication, honesty and willingness of each council member to share of their time is always appreciated. Working together, we will continue to pursue excellence for all students.