

Report of the Fremont School Board

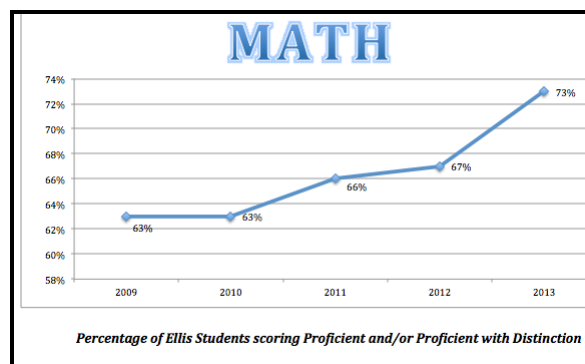
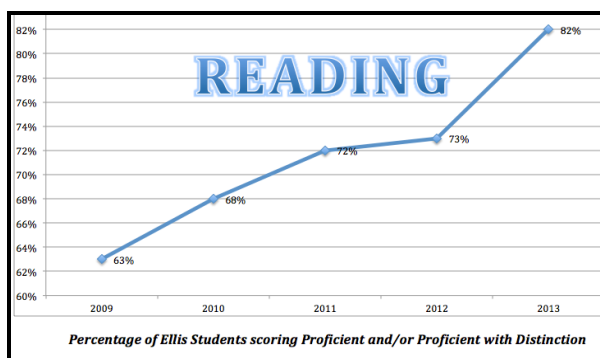
The Fremont School Board began the 2014/2015 school year with a welcome sense of strong and effective leadership with Superintendent Betsey Cox-Buteau continuing with us at the SAU Office. We are thankful for the professionalism and dedication that Dr. Cox has brought to the Fremont School District. Securing a long-term contract with a strong superintendent will allow our district to experience the continuity it needs to work on the many projects that we have begun.

We thanked Sharon Girardi for her service to the Fremont School Board this past spring and welcomed Shannon Bryant as our new member. Seats held by Ida Keane and Greg Fraize will be up for election in March 2015. Both positions are for a three-year term.

John Safina remained as the Ellis School Principal this year along side John Bridle as the Assistant Principal. Melissa McKeon, Special Services Director is now leading the Special Education Department and we welcomed Lynn Noyes as the new Special Education Building Coordinator. Scott Brown, Facilities Director and Carla Smith as the Technology Director complete the Administrative Team. All meet regularly with the Superintendent to ensure that processes are in place for the effective education of our students in a clean and safe environment.

Improvement of student achievement continues to be an important goal that the school board has set for the district. One example of the progress the school is making is shown below. We are very proud of the evidence that is reflected in these graphs and look forward to continuing this positive educational trend for student growth.

ELLIS SCHOOL NECAP RESULTS



The Ellis School saw some renovations and improvements over the past year. The Fremont School Board approved the new and improved Nurse's Office, the much needed new cabinetry in the Art Room and the updated Teacher's Lounge to name a few of the many projects in the pipeline. We also must mitigate an asbestos issue before we can proceed with our plans for a

middle school science room upgrade. Even with an older building and the many additions and changes it has seen, we are able to continue to work within and improve its' function.

A significant amount of time has been spent on negotiating new collective bargaining agreements with the Fremont Education Association (Teachers' Union) and the Ellis Support Staff Association (Support Staff Union). These contracts will be presented to the voters in separate warrant articles in March 2015. The School Board believes these two contracts are fair and reasonable. We ask that you support these warrants at the upcoming elections based on the continued improved student achievement that our teachers and support staff have been providing to the students of Fremont. The School Board and the Budget Committee recommend both contracts.

We continue to review policies monthly, the Grant Committee is in place thanks to the passage of Warrant Article 8 last spring allowing the District to accept and expend grant funds and our new strategic plan is now being implemented. Evaluation of the Sanborn Regional High School tuition contract is ongoing. Fremont students continue to perform well there with a number of our students graduating with honors and some proudly earning Valedictorian status.

Each year we are grateful for the volunteers in our community for their tireless and generous support for our students and staff at Ellis School and at Sanborn Regional High School. Every group, the award winning Fremont PTA, the Fremont Athletic Association, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts helps to make Fremont a wonderful community to live in.

Thank you for your continued support. It is a great honor and pleasure to serve as your School Board.

Respectfully submitted by the Fremont School Board,

Shannon Bryant

Greg Fraize

Ida Keane

Tammy Kitt

Andrew Kohlhofer



Fremont Youth Teams lining
Up for the annual
Memorial Day Parade
25 May 2014

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