

Report of the Superintendent

I am honored to serve as the Superintendent of Schools and to provide this annual report to the residents of Fremont. The Fremont School District currently has 420 students enrolled in grades Pre-K through 8 at Ellis School and another 200 students attending Sanborn Regional High School.

For the 2017-18 school year, we have been fortunate to add a full time Spanish teacher, expand our technology initiative with Chromebooks and pilot personalized learning experiences for students across the grade levels. Teachers have worked diligently to implement these new initiatives and have received recognition across the state for their innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

In the Fall of 2017, the School Board identified the following four goals for the 2017-18 school year:

1. The Fremont School District will support staff in developing quality assessments and using student performance data to inform instruction.
2. The Fremont School District will strive to provide quality professional learning opportunities for staff.
3. The Fremont School District will provide quality facilities that support Pre-K-8 students learning and safety, in a fiscally responsible manner.
4. The Fremont School Board will expand and improve its communication with the greater Fremont community.

Using these goals as a guideline, the Ellis School Leadership Team created an innovation plan to guide their work throughout the school year. While this work is ongoing (and never-ending) we are pleased to report on the following accomplishments directly related to our annual goals:

- Staff members are working in teams with our curriculum consultant to create and administer quality assessments aligned to our identified competencies
- Using the assessment data, staff identify students who needed additional instruction and those who are ready to move on
- Teachers are receiving ongoing training and support with new software programs designed to individualize learning and identify student needs
- Conversations have started with the Sanborn School District regarding opportunities to combine staff and fiscal resources to support professional development
- Preliminary approval has been given for a \$200,000 grant from the DOE/ Homeland Security to update and improve infrastructure needs at Ellis to enhance security for students and staff
- Preliminary discussions have occurred regarding the need for Ellis School to reach out to the community through the use of the Fremont Community Television

In my first six months serving as the Fremont Superintendent of Schools, I have been thrilled by the community support and involvement in our schools. Town officials, parents and community members have all been welcoming and eager to share their “stories” with me. On a personal level, I have always believed that it is the responsibility of the school system to educate through academics, but equally important we must work with families to create good citizens of our school, community, state and the world. To that end, I am always eager to find ways to connect the youth of our school to their community and find ways for them to give back. If you or your organization knows of a need in the Fremont community, please contact me so we can work and plan together.

Respectfully submitted,
Allyn W. Hutton, Superintendent of Schools