

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

As I submit my annual report regarding the status of the Fremont School District, I am proud to reflect on all that was accomplished in FY2007. This report notes the ongoing efforts of the School Board, Administration, and staff, who have a common goal of helping our children succeed.

It was an exciting and productive year. Ellis School continues to provide a positive learning environment and an effective educational program for our children. This is the result of the cooperative efforts of teachers, staff members, and parents.

We continue to work with the administration of Sanborn Regional High School to align our curriculum so that the students are provided with programmatic consistency as they move from elementary, middle, and on to high school.

Although we failed to meet AYP, please be assured that we are working diligently to address the issues. We are anticipating more favorable results.

We are completing the application process necessary to qualify Ellis School as a Follow-The-Child school. Follow the Child is an initiative to help schools and teachers foster student aspirations to promote student achievement through an emphasis on personalized learning and assessment. Expanding upon the spirit of No Child Left Behind, Follow-The-Child focuses on measuring growth in the personal, social, physical, and academic aspects of each student's life. It also defines the necessary support systems needed for each student's success. This initiative helps to preserve the individual education of each child as the defining purpose of New Hampshire's educational system.

The Board and Administration worked closely in developing the following goals:

Annual

- To improve communication and dissemination of information to the public
- To meet all requirements of adequate yearly progress
- To qualify as a Follow-The-Child school
- To update, maintain, and revise Board policy and procedures
- To complete a long-range facilities plan (1-2 years)
- To develop a strategic plan for the district so that the highest quality education will be available to all students

Long-Range Goals

- To develop an adult/community education program
- To develop an education plan for the District
- To update, maintain and revise Board policy and procedures
- To review and update the ten-year district plan
- To complete a long-range facilities plan (1-2 years)

Last year the School Board hired the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to prepare a report on a Long-Range Facilities Master Plan. They recently completed a Preliminary Report which includes the following options:

Option I:

- Build a new middle school with capacity to expand for possible future high school needs; renovate the elementary school

Option IA:

- Build a new middle school with capacity to expand for possible future high school to house grades 6-8; renovate and add to the elementary school to house grades Pre-K-5

Option II:

- Build a new elementary school; renovate Ellis as a middle school with the addition of a gymnasium

Option IIA:

- Build a new elementary school to house Pre-K-5 students; renovate Ellis a grade 6-8 middle school and create a common room/café

Option III:

- Form a cooperative partnership with another local district and jointly implement the middle school construction portion of Option I.

The School Board appointed a Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee to work with NESDEC in developing a long-range facilities plan.

One of the functions of a School Administrative Unit is to work hand-in-hand with the New Hampshire Department of Education. We continue to do that by addressing the requirements of The No Child Left Behind Act, state assessment testing, adequate yearly progress of students, as well as meeting the highly qualified teacher mandate.

As parents and guardians, you may be certain that we take our responsibility of educating the students at Ellis school very seriously. It is our most important goal to assist them in being well-rounded individuals, ready for whatever goals they choose to pursue when they enter high school.

Respectfully submitted,

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