

Report of the Superintendent

It is with great pleasure that I write my first annual report for the Town of Fremont. I am so pleased to be part of this great team. Upon my arrival in July, I found a cooperative and supportive school board, staff and community who are all committed to higher student achievement. As examples:

- Mrs. Laurie Verville and Yvonne Ouellette are working extremely hard to support all of our initiatives for school improvement. Their capable stewardship of our finances enables me to focus on student achievement.
- Mr. John Safina, Mr. Doug Totten and Mrs. Sarah Krebs are capably leading Ellis School with an emphasis on the Common Core State Standards, achievement and a welcoming and positive school climate.
- All of the wonderful teachers K-8 are working on curriculum mapping their Science lessons.
- The dedicated School Board ably led by Mrs. Ida Keane and comprised of Andy Kohlhofer, Sharon Girardi, Deb Genthner and Greg Fraize, have worked hard to devise the Board's Strategic Plan with a focus towards higher achievement for Fremont students.
- Our technology folks, Mr. Jason Carey, Director and Ms. Amber Bishop, technology teacher, have upgraded the hardware, software and website so that students and parents have greater access to resources and information.
- The entire special education department, Title I program and all of our support service providers such as our psychologist, speech pathologists and our occupational therapists, nurses have continually focused on helping our students towards greater achievement.
- Our unified arts teachers and librarian are working towards integrating the four core curricular areas into their disciplines to further support student achievement.
- Ellis School's guidance counselors, Ms. Michelle Farrar and Gina Genest, as well as our administrative assistants, Theresa Blades, Nanette Perry and Kelly Ford and all our wonderful paraprofessionals proactively make students, parents and staffs feel welcome and safe in our school.
- Our Curriculum Committee, comprised mostly of community members, is working hard to obtain the community's opinions and ideas for curricular improvement.
- Fremont's award winning PTA are dedicated to providing resources for our students and staff.
- Higher achievement cannot take place if our facility is uncomfortable temperature-wise or filled with equipment that does not work. Mr. Scott Brown's creativity and Yankee ingenuity has kept our unique facility in good working order. In addition, Mr. Brown has been very mindful of energy conservation and has completed many of the recommendations of the Town's GDS Energy Audit. Thus far, he has arranged for or completed himself the following: installation of a new boiler; additional blown-in insulation in the 1950 wing, installation of R-19 fiberglass batts and seal infiltration gaps between wings affecting 9,000 square feet of the 1973 wing; new weather-stripping to replace worn out items in 17 doors; installed DDC Digital Heating and Cooling Energy

Management System Controls on the HVAC system's Air Handling Unit, controlled by computer; and installed new programmable thermostats with automatic setbacks. These measures will save valuable funding that can be used towards greater achievement for our students.

- Last but not least, we have superb students in Fremont. They work hard to learn. They achieve great things as Fremont resident Alexandra Adams did this past June when she earned co-valedictorian at Sanborn Regional High School. Her achievement is an inspiration for other students to achieve.

All of this positive energy will support us as we devise a new teacher evaluation system, cope with funding uncertainties and implement the Affordable Care Act. I feel confident that we are on our way to becoming the best school in the state!

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Langa
Superintendent