

Report of the Superintendent

The 2019 school year for the Fremont School District has been challenging, but has presented many opportunities as well. While we have seen a slight decrease in total enrollment, we continue to see students with challenging behavioral and social issues.

To support students, staff and families with the social and emotional needs facing our learners, we have added a social worker to our staff. Annaliese Dunn is now available every day in Ellis School and is able to be proactive in addressing needs and supporting staff and families with these issues.

In the classrooms, teachers continue to use the Responsive Classroom model to frame student expectations for a positive learning environment. Using grant monies we have been able to continue training opportunities and on-site support to expand this initiative across the grades.

Under the direction of Paul Normandin, our Facilities Director, we have created a comprehensive short and long term facilities plan and are working to creatively budget for upcoming needs including additional roof repairs and replacement of the air handler. In addition, we received an additional security grant which will allow us to expand our security camera system in the new year.

In the Spring of 2019, the staff pulled together and through commitment to a budget freeze was able to ensure we had the \$200,000 needed to complete phase one of our roofing project. This level of dedication and sacrifice demonstrates the passion that our teachers bring to their learners every day.

More recently, we have established the High School Study Committee, comprised of nine (9) citizens and four (4) school representatives to investigate options for Fremont high school students when the current contract expires in 2026. The SAU#83 School Board and Superintendent have charged the Study Committee with the following:

- *Consider all legal responsibilities and options for the future*
- *Review community input and / suggestions*
- *Visit possible site locations to gather additional information*
- *Investigate several options and present findings to the Board*
- *Present information to the community through Public Forums to be aired on FCTV*
- *Prepare a survey for November 2020 to gauge public sentiment and plan next steps*

The School Board fully understands that the current tuition costs are creating a financial burden for the school budget and the taxpayers. While a high school education can be costly, we need to ensure we are providing a quality education which prepares our graduates for their future at a cost that can be sustained by the taxpayers.

Thank you to the Ellis and Sanborn staff for their dedication to Fremont learners; to the Fremont School Board for their commitment to providing a quality education that the taxpayers can support; and to the parents and community members for their commitment to educating Fremont learners.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools



2019 was a commemorative year of events relating to Fremont and its Annual Memorial Day traditions.

It was the 100th anniversary of members of the Emerson-Frye Family marching in our parade, beginning with Freeman B. Emerson.

It was the 50th anniversary of the Battle at Hamburger Hill. From May 10 to 20, 1969, soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division engaged in this battle. Fremont's Staff Sgt. Thomas McGall heroically fought in this battle and received numerous commendations for his gallant service.

May 31st was the 50th anniversary of our loss of SP4 Philip A. Pratt who was killed in Vietnam in 1969.

SP4 Pratt served in CO D 501 INF 101 ABN DIV and was Awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal.

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