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Construction Progress!

submitted by Neil Hufnagel, Assistant Superintendent

We continue to see changes from day to day and week to week as a building continues to evolve before our eyes. The following few pages are a variety of photos to show our progress.



Front hallway of the high school outside the office. Temporary wall on the left to isolate the renovations area. New flooring on the way!



View facing west from just inside the main entrance of the existing HS down the hallway to the Fowler Athletic Center. Backside of the wall of the existing gym on the left. New conference room and restrooms going in on the right replacing the old restrooms and locker rooms.



View looking west from the entry way into the Athletic Center commons from the existing high school. This will serve as the cafeteria and lobby for events. The back parking lot is to the right, and the double doors opening leads into the gym.



View facing southwest from just inside the lobby entrance to the new gym. The competition court will be on the nearside with practice area on the far side. The track for the retractable wall to separate the two is in place along the ceiling near the middle.

Construction Photos continue. . .



View from just outside the weight room in the southeast corner looking northwest. Practice area in the foreground and competition court area at the far end under the northside windows.



View through the fitness center and weight room looking south. Entrance on the left and gym on the right.



View of the north elevation showing the rough in for the main entrance to the commons and the gym beyond.



View from near the baseball field looking across the expanded back parking lot. The existing high school is on the left, new commons and gym in the middle, and new locker rooms on the right with the orangish insulation on them currently.



View from atop the new sledding hill near the pony league field, facing the southwest corner of the Athletic Center. Parking lot and locker rooms to the left, and windows to the practice area of the gym on the right.



View from the southeast corner of the existing building. Looking at the entrance area for the fitness and weight room.

**WE ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**



Construction Photos continue. . .



The above photos were taken in July when the Board of Education took a tour of the new gym facilities and common area.



Cabinetry, fixtures, and countertops have been updated throughout Waldron Elementary.

SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

First Day of School - September 6, 2022



Picture Day - October 5, 2022

Homecoming - October 7, 2022



Count Day - October 5, 2022

Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 9 & 10, 2022

**General Election Day
is Tuesday,
November 8, 2022**

Fowler Board of Education has 4
seats up for election on this ballot.

Candidates are featured on
pages 21-23.



From the Superintendent

submitted by Mark Horak, Superintendent

Hello FPS Family!

The excitement is building with the anticipation of another school year. It has been a busy summer, and as you have probably noticed, there continues to be a lot of changes within our buildings. We know that we need to be flexible as the construction continues, but also realize it will all be worth it when it is complete! We are set to start school on September 6th. We won't know yet if we will have full access to the new area within the high school, but either way we will find a way to make it work! It seems strange starting after Labor Day because not many schools do anymore. I will say that it has been nice having some extra time in August, so hopefully we will remember this when June comes around!

Our staffing is currently set with all positions filled (with the exception of bus drivers). Everyone is working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year and to help ensure all students the opportunity for success. New high school student orientation is scheduled for August 24th at 6 pm and parents are encouraged to attend with their students.

I continue to meet periodically with the Health Department regarding COVID-19. While there are no mandates currently in place, we will continue to take steps to clean and sanitize as we have in the past. Also, as of now, there is no plan to do contact tracing this year. It is still important to monitor for symptoms and please stay home when you are sick!

Finally, I would like to let you know that I have applied for a rebate program through the Environmental Protection Agency for 4 electric school buses. This is a highly competitive program, so I have no idea how good our odds will be to receive anything. Because this program would provide the buses and needed infrastructure for their charging at no cost to the district, it is worth applying for. Mike Schmitt and I went to Gaylord to look at the 2 electric buses they have been using for the past two years and were quite impressed with what we saw. I will certainly keep you posted if we receive any positive news regarding this.

I hope everyone has a great start to the school year and I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces once again in the building!

Sincerely,

Mark



School Lunch Program

We are so excited to start a new school year! FPS has updated "Meal Magic". Meal Magic is the payment program to put money in your student's school lunch account. This system is effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Parents will need to register their account through the family portal: Click on Register, Accept the Terms, and following the instructions from there.

Lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

- Breakfast K-8 \$1.75
- Lunch K-5 \$2.75
- Lunch 6-12 \$3.00
- Adult \$5.25



Since the State of Michigan will no longer implement free lunches to all students, it is important that you fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch Application. School Districts receive additional funding from the State for all applications submitted, so please fill one out. A link to instructions, eligibility requirements, FAQ, and the application are available on the FPS website.

School Security at FPS

submitted by Mark Horak, Superintendent

I wanted to provide some information to you regarding a system that we have in place here in Fowler. The 'Smart Boot' is installed at Waldron and at the high school. It has been in use for approximately 4 years. Every classroom has a 'Boot' mounted on the wall by the door that, when pulled, automatically initiates a lockdown for the entire school building with flashing lights and a continual 'lockdown' warning announcement. This 'Smart Boot' then is placed in two anchor spots mounted in the floor which makes that door virtually impenetrable. Once the lockdown is initiated, all classrooms secure their individual boots.

Fowler is one of only 2 schools in Clinton County to have this security feature installed. In addition to the quick barricade for all rooms, the ability to have a school-wide lockdown initiated from any of these locations allows a much larger response time to any possible threat. If you would like to see a news report that highlights the 'Smart Boot', a link to a newscast from a Grand Rapids station can be found using the following QR code or at <https://rb.gy/8hav5g>.



Be a Bus Driver

submitted by Mark Horak, Superintendent

You probably haven't heard that there is a bus driver shortage (yea, right)! We are certainly in great need of drivers here in Fowler. We have a couple of recently retired drivers helping us out to start the school year, but that will only be temporary. Other districts have had to reduce routes, eliminate town stops or have a rotating schedule that requires parent transport at certain times. We have been able to avoid these things here at Fowler, but without new drivers added to our team, changes will be inevitable.

We are open to the idea of flexible scheduling. Can you only work mornings or afternoons? Only want certain weeks or times of the year? Only want to sub when it works in your schedule? We can work with any of these and WE WANT YOU!

Fowler Public Schools proudly pays for all training, mileage and licensing costs associated with becoming a licensed bus driver. We help with the process and stand beside you every step of the way. Would you like to see what it is like to drive a bus? Give Mike Schmitt or myself a call and we will take you for a ride. Would you like to ride along on an actual route? We can arrange that as well! You will be impressed with how great our kids are and the respect they show. I truly enjoy the times that I have filled in on routes and it gives me an opportunity to connect with students in a different way.

We are fortunate that all bus drivers are highly valued here in Fowler, both in the school and through the entire community. You can ask anyone with our girl's basketball program just how valuable Al Miller has been as part of their team. Heck, you may even have a press box named after you some day!

Please talk with Mike Schmitt or myself if you have any interest in helping in any possible way with this crucial service for our kids. Thank you for considering it.



Waldron News



Paint a Rainbow

Mrs. Schmitt's kindergarten class read a book titled *Warthogs Paint!* It was a story that taught them about the primary colors and how to make secondary colors! So, with this in mind, they painted their own rainbow using only the three primary colors! Very nicely done.



Learning Outdoors

Mrs. Hamilton's 1st and 3rd graders enjoyed an afternoon on the trail exploring along the way. They even completed a nature scavenger hunt!



2nd Grade ABC Countdown

To end the year with fun and learning, the second graders completed an end of the year countdown. Each day involved a different letter of the alphabet. Some days were Bingo Day for the letter "B", Egg Drop Day for the letter "E", Game Day for letter "G", and many more. The students really enjoyed the Unsolvables Mystery Day for the letter "U". Mr. Minns came up missing and the class had to create missing posters, interview staff, and find out who took him. What fun!



Mr. Minns was eventually recovered thanks to the great work of our students.



All Aboard

submitted by Leann Schafer



The 4th grade class would like to thank Clark Becker for allowing them to come into his home to view his impressive model train exhibit! Most of the buildings on display were created entirely by Mr. Becker himself! Waldron students were truly surprised and amazed by this trip. Thank you Mr. Becker, it was a trip they will never forget!



BEACH DAY

Mrs. Schmitt's class enjoyed a Beach Day at school. Fun, fun, fun!

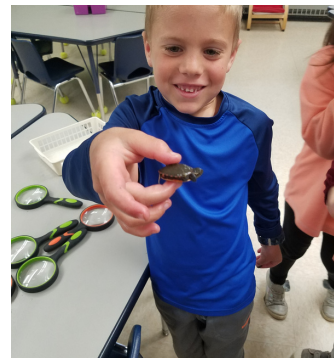
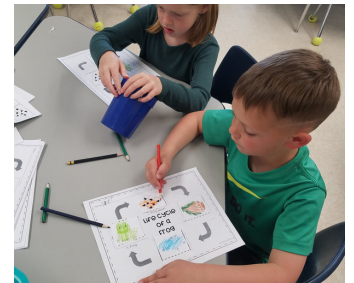


Frog Fun



submitted by Patty Schmitt

Today was a success, we didn't have any frogs, turtles or children escape! The students and I were thrilled to have two frogs and a turtle join our classroom this morning, but I have to admit I was a little worried that we might have a frog hopping around the room trying to escape! Luckily, after a bit of packing tape on the openings in the containers, we were able to enjoy observing them during our Math and Language arts lessons! The students enjoyed a fun filled day of singing, reading and writing all about frogs and turtles! Thank you to the brave parents that sent in nature's little critters for us to enjoy!! It was great to have the opportunity to spark the student's curiosity and add to our learning fun!



Waldron Field Day May 27, 2022

The staff and students at Waldron Elementary and Middle School would like to thank the PTO for hosting this year's field day. Waldron students were treated to a day filled with inflatables, tug-of-war, scooters, and a wide variety of other activities! This was all topped off with frozen treats and gift bags for all students!

Kids of all ages were thrilled from start to finish! Thank you Fowler PTO for organizing this event!



End-of-the-Year Field Trips

Ms. Pline's class had a lesson on Protecting Our Planet which took them to Fink Field where they were able to pick up 4 bags of pollutants! Thank you Ms. Pline!



Mrs. Epkey's 2nd grade class enjoyed the Grand Rapids Public Museum!



The Kindergarten classes took a field trip to the Mount Pleasant Children's Discovery Museum on May 25th. The students enjoyed exploring with their friends and playing at the museum. Many parents were also able to join for the day after the hiatus of the last couple of years!

The Mt. Pleasant Discover Museum is located on Remus Rd. in Mt. Pleasant. Their mission is to enhance the community by inspiring creativity, learning, and curiosity enhancing the life of EVERY child.



Camping Adventures

Mrs. Hamilton's 1st graders and Ms. Blackwell's 3rd graders teamed up for a week of camping adventures. They had a great time making crafts, reading, writing/illustrating "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", singing songs, and eating snacks. It was a wonderful ending to another great year!



Guided Reading & Math Stations

Mrs. Pung's Kindergarten class had so much fun learning through Guided Reading and Guided Math stations this year! The students looked forward to these activities and had fun learning with their friends through a variety of hands on activities!



Congratulations-GSRP Graduates



Thank you Education Foundation Committee

I thank you for all your support over the last years I have spent working at Waldron. I especially want to thank you for approving the expensive mic system for the classroom. Although the shipping took forever, I finally received the system at the end of March and then waited for the speaking device that was not included with the tower stand. It all has been installed and used daily. It makes speaking all day much easier.

Thanks so much for all that you do to make our school great!

Carol Blackwell



How-To Speeches Came to Team 2

The second graders in Mrs. Epkey's class put their speaking and writing skills to good use. The students wrote their own how-to speeches and presented them to their Team 2 friends. The class also used their great manners while listening and watching their peers demonstrate. Many topics were explored like making slime, stirring up a batch of veggie dip, cooking up some Chex mix, making a lava lamp, and much more. The students were not only excited to present, but they loved watching the speeches and asking questions along the way. Way to go Mrs. Epkey's class!



Baby Chicks in 2nd Grade

Mrs. Epkey's 2nd grade class had a lot of excitement this week, reading outside in the beautiful weather and watching chicks hatch!



Theses "cool" looking kiddos are from Mrs. Pung's classroom.



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Outside Classroom

It's always a great day when you can move the classroom outside!



4th Grade Science is Fun!

Mrs. Schafer's 4th grade class used a rock fault model to learn about landforms, tectonic movement, earthquakes, and fault lines. The class was also able to purchase a Mohs rock hardness scale poster complete with rock samples. This will be used to help identify various unknown minerals in Earth Science lessons.



Staff Announcements

Happy Retirement Ms. Blackwell!



We thank Ms. Carol Blackwell for her dedication and service of over 20 years to Fowler Public Schools. Ms. Blackwell touched the lives of countless students during her tenure and always gave generously of her time which often extended beyond the school day.

Carol served in many capacities ranging from teaching Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades as well as Pre-School. In all cases, Carol's classroom was an extension of her family as she strived to meet the needs of all students in her care. We will certainly miss Carol's classroom singing the Fowler Fight Song with pride on special occasions and her dedication to all students and fellow staff. However, we can reflect upon all the exceptional memories that we have been able to share throughout the years.

Ms. Blackwell will always be a member of the Waldron family and we wish her nothing but the best in all of her future endeavors.



Welcome New Staff Michael Simon!



Meet Michael Simon. Michael is our new Middle School Teacher at Waldron Elementary/Middle School. Michael has been teaching in Laingsburg for the past 8 years before coming to Fowler Public Schools.

Michael earned a Bachelor's Degree from Grand Valley State University in Mathematics, and a Master's degree from Marygrove College in Curriculum Development.

Michael lives halfway between Fowler and St. Johns with his wife and three children; Madelyn (5), John (2), and Hazel (newborn).

Michael enjoys sports, playing cards, and spending time with family. Being anywhere with his kids and being involved in their learning and play provides him with immeasurable joy!

Please join us in welcoming Michael to our Fowler Public Schools family.

FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2022-2023 Calendar



First Day of School
September 6, 2022

Parent - Teacher Conferences
Nov. 9 & 10, 2022

Christmas Break
Dec. 23, 2022 - Jan. 6, 2023

End of the 1st Semester
January 27, 2023

Spring Break
March 27 - March 31, 2023

Last Day of School
June 14, 2023



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1ST QUARTER

Wednesday, August 31
Tuesday, September 6
Friday, October 21
Friday, November 4

Staff Report, In-Service day
First Day for Students
11:30 Dismissal, Afternoon Staff PD-day
11:30 Dismissal, End of the 1st Quarter

2ND QUARTER

Wednesday, November 9
Thursday, November 10

Friday, November 11
Wednesday, November 23
Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25
Monday, November 28

1:30 Dismissal, P-T Conferences 2:30-5:00
1:30 Dismissal, P-T Conferences 2:30-5:00
& 6:00-8:00
No School
11:30 Dismissal, Afternoon Staff PD-day
No School, Thanksgiving Recess
No School, Thanksgiving Recess
Classes Resume

Friday, December 23 -
Friday, January 6

No School, Christmas Recess

Monday, January 9, 2023
Thursday, January 26
Friday, January 27

Classes Resume
11:30 Dismissal, Exam Schedule
11:30 Dismissal, Exam Schedule, End of the
2nd Quarter/1st Semester

3RD QUARTER

Friday, February 17
Monday, February 20

11:30 Dismissal, Afternoon Staff PD-day
No School, President's Day

Monday, March 27 -
Friday, March 31

No School, Spring Break

Monday, April 3
Thursday, April 6
Friday, April 7

Classes Resume
11:30 Dismissal, End of the 3rd Quarter
No School, Good Friday

4TH QUARTER

Monday, April 10
Friday, May 26
Monday, May 29
Tuesday, May 30
Tuesday, June 13
Wednesday, June 14

Classes Resume
11:30 Dismissal, Afternoon Staff PD-day
No School, Memorial Day
Classes Resume
11:30 Dismissal, Exam Schedule
11:30 Dismissal, Exam Schedule, Last Day of
School, End of the 4th Quarter

In the event that a snow day falls on a half-day, the following school day shall be scheduled as a half-day and the rest of the calendar shall be adjusted accordingly. Additional days will be added as needed for make-up.



2022 Environmental Conservation Fishing Trip

submitted by Mr. Buhr, Conservation Teacher

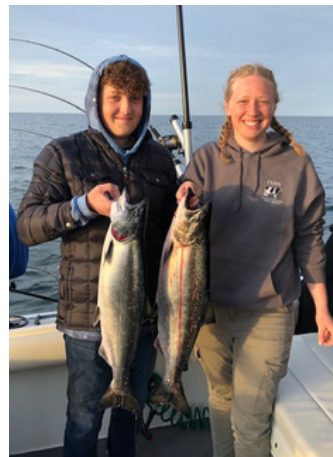
Some parents of high school students know that getting teens up early for school can be a challenge. Not so for the eight current and two alumni from Mr. Buhr's Environmental Conservation class! That group assembled at 345 AM to depart Fowler and travel to Chinook Pier in Grand Haven for their Lake Michigan charter fishing adventure. We met up with the captains of the two charter boats, boarded their vessels and headed west to set lines and troll for Great Lakes salmonids.

Fish started biting for one boat as rods were being set and by the time the trip ended our group had landed 20 fish! Chinook (king) salmon and one small coho salmon made it into the coolers. Each student had at least two turns to try to land a fish. The weather was wonderful and a beautiful sunrise over the dunes was a sight to behold! Macy Gibbons earned top honors for her boat's final fish of the morning, landing a large, healthy spring king salmon over 20 pounds mark!

All students received a share of the catch and enjoyed a delicious meal of fresh salmon. Thank you to parent Gary Schmitz for helping Mr. Buhr to smoke a portion of the fish to supply students with another tasty treat! Everyone had a great trip and look forward to the next time that they can fish Lake Michigan.

Thanks to our captains, Jason Phelps of Fishin' Addiction IV Charters (616) 862-1899 and Brett Payne of HOT SPOT Charters (616-638-6801) These captains gave our group a special rate that made the trip affordable for all so that the students had a memorable way to conclude our class studies on the Great Lakes fishery. If you would like to try to catch some hard-fighting and great-tasting salmon or trout from Lake Michigan, please give them a call and tell them that we sent you!

Special thanks to our bus driver, Joe Travis, who once again donated his time driving the group. Joe's gift helps greatly defray costs and all he has ever received in exchange is to take a boat ride and watch our students catch fish. Hopefully Joe can make a special return engagement to join us on this outing in the future!



Class of 2022 Senior Trip

The class of 2022 Seniors enjoyed a final trip together as a class. First stop was to Little Hawk Putting Course located at the Hawk Hollow Golf Course where the kids brushed up on their putting skills. Next stop was a Pizza lunch at Reno's North where they were able to enjoy pizza and pop while playing some corn hole and volleyball. Final stop for the day was at Zap Zone in Lansing. Students had the entire venue to themselves and were able to enjoy bouncing on trampolines, Glo Golf, Laser tag, Arcade games and more. Thank you Mr. Horak for chaperoning and driving the bus.



Student of the Month



April

Nicholas Epkey

Congratulations Nicholas on being selected as Fowler High School's Student of the month for April 2022.

Nick is a senior at FHS. He is in Basketball and Golf. Nick is on Renaissance, LCC's Dean's List, and a recipient of the CMAC Scholar Athlete Award.

When asked whom his most influential staff member is, Nick replied, "Mr. Kleimola, because he is always helpful, laid back, and makes my day better."

Nick is planning to attend Central Michigan University to study Secondary Education.

Congratulations Nick!



May

Lane Bailey

Congratulations Lane on being selected as Fowler High School's Student of the Month for May 2022.

Lane is a senior at FHS. He is in Band and works at making school a more enjoyable place for all. Lane is most proud of surviving high school during COVID-19, maintaining friendships, and graduating on May 22, 2022!

When asked whom his most influential staff member is, Lane replied, "Mr. Roorda, because I can be myself around him and he helps me look forward to my young adult life."

Lane is planning to work and take some classes at a Community College before transferring to a larger school; He also plans on enjoying life to the fullest.

Congratulations Lane!



Memorial Day Celebration

Thank you to the women and men who serve our country with such courage and bravery. Your strength is inspiring, your dedication unwavering, and sacrifice unending.

Thank you to the HS Band for providing music again this year at the Fowler Memorial Day Services.



Staff Announcements

Gracias y Felicitaciones, Señor Wilson!!!



After 25 years of dedicated and enthusiastic service to the students at Fowler High School, Spanish and US History teacher Dennis Wilson announced his retirement at the conclusion of 2021-22 school year. Known affectionately and respectfully as Señor Wilson by his students, Dennis provided engaging

and effective instruction as a classroom teacher. Students benefited from well planned lessons that fostered high levels of student interaction in pairs, small groups and large groups. Sessions were marked with multiple transitions that kept students moving, talking, and engaged. Students learned together, and they enjoyed it. Señor Wilson was a huge influence on the culture of Fowler High School outside the classroom as well. As our long time student council advisor, quiz bowl coach, and more recently BPA (Business Professionals of America) co-advisor, he supported and encouraged students to participate in activities outside the classroom and in positive ways. Señor was quick to volunteer to help in concession stands, chaperone dances, and assist with field trips. His presence as an ever smiling, positive, encouraging figure at FHS will be deeply missed by students and staff alike.

Adiós y mis mejores deseos, Señor Wilson.



Welcome New Staff Aaron Perez!



Meet Aaron Perez. Aaron is our new English/Spanish Teacher at Fowler High School. Aaron attended MSU where he earned his degree in English and Education.

He recently completed his internship at Holt High School, and is working on his Spanish certification for teaching.

Aaron grew up in Pentwater, Michigan and currently lives in Lansing with a Saint Bernard Mastiff named Odin. Aaron enjoys writing and gaming. In his spare time he likes basketball, volunteering, and going to music shows. He is as excited to be a part of a new community as we are to have him join us!

Please join us in welcoming Aaron to our Fowler Public Schools family.

Bienvenido!

Welcome New Staff Kari Engel!



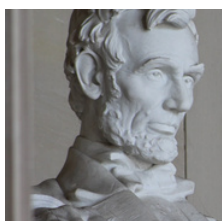
Meet Kari Engel. Kari is our new Success Coach at Fowler Public Schools. Kari attended MSU where she studied Education and earned her degree in Interdepartmental - Biological Sciences. Kari completed her student teacher internship at Fowler High School during the 2021-2022 school year.

Kari lives in Ovid with her husband, Stephen, and a charcoal lab named Fisher. She is a true Marauder having graduated from Ovid-Elsie, and is more than excited to become an Eagle. In her spare time, Kari enjoys cooking, mind-games and puzzles. When she is not working she enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and Fisher.

Please join us in welcoming Kari to our Fowler Public Schools family.

Senior's Last Day of School

The Senior class enjoyed a picnic lunch at the park on May 19, 2022, after they finished their final morning in high school. Gordon Schmitt grilled dogs and burgers, and parent volunteers provided all the extras.

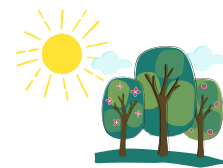


"The best way
to predict your future
is to create it."

-Abraham Lincoln



The Year in the Life of a Yearbook



A yearbook is a publication that reflects the events and lives of people involved with a school during that given year. How do we get our yearbook?

Yearbook at FHS is a year-long course which is open to juniors and seniors only. Typically, 6-12 committed students apply for a yearbook staff position to be a part of this class. The yearbook staff puts in extensive hours both inside and outside of the school day to produce the high-quality yearbook that FHS students and parents have come to expect.

Fowler is on a “fall delivery” schedule with Jostens, our printing partner. The reason for a fall delivery is that it allows us to cover all of our students and sports equally, and gives the yearbook staff the opportunity to cover the entire school year in a single publication.

Since many school events continue into May or even June, a fall delivery allows us to cover these events and include them in that year’s yearbook.

Now, for the process:

August

- The yearbook staff roster is finalized and students receive their first emails from Mrs. Klammer on getting things started for the year.
- The previous school year’s yearbook is delivered to FHS in mid- to late August. We check it over for accuracy and review our sales lists to prepare for distribution.

September

- Yearbooks are distributed to students on the second week of school. A limited number of books are available for purchase if a student did not pre-purchase theirs during the school year.
- The new staff begins learning our design program and goes out in the community to sell ads to support the yearbook. Ads lower the student cost of each book by about 20-30% annually.
- Yearbook sales begin! The first 2 weeks of school are the best time to buy, with yearbooks discounted at the lowest possible rate and special bonus incentives are offered.

October

- Yearbook staff goes to work taking photos at school and sports events, and begins conducting interviews and writing creative copy to cover the events of the year.
- Student and staff photos are taken. Seniors may submit a senior photo from another photographer. (photos must be an indoor head and shoulder shot of a specific size.)

November

- Staff continues working on photos, copy, and pages. Fall sports pages are completed, as well as student class pages. The first deadline is fast approaching!
- Ad invoices are sent out.

December

- First yearbook deadline. Winter sports coverage and club coverage is well underway!
- Senior recognition ads are due!

January

- Yearbook prices increase. (Early purchase incentives end.)
- Cover design is approved. Covers begin printing.

February-March

- 2nd Deadline. Over half of the yearbook is finished and submitted by this time.
- Last chance to order a personalized yearbook – printed with a student’s name and icons embossed on the cover.

April

- Last chance to pre-purchase and guarantee your yearbook.
- We submit our final numbers for ordering – only a limited number of extra copies are ordered!

May

- Seniors on yearbook staff finish their work and graduate. Junior staff members complete the graduation page and spring sports pages.

June

- Final deadline! The entire yearbook is submitted to Jostens for printing. Each year we produce a full color, 120-page book. Yearbooks are printed over the summer by Jostens.
- The junior staff begins work on planning the next year’s theme concept and design.

The FHS Yearbook program is entirely self-supporting. All of our equipment and financial cost is covered by ad and yearbook sales.

Thank you for your continued support of the FHS yearbook program. We’re looking forward to another great year of making - and printing - memories at FHS!

~ Mrs. Klammer
Yearbook Advisor

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2022





SAAC - Athletes of the Season

We are excited to announce the Student Athletes of the Season for Spring 2022. Athletes were selected by their coaches because they display character, leadership, and citizenship at all times, understand the value of Sportsmanship by respecting their opponents, officials and peers, perform at a high level academically and have a strong work ethic, both in and out of the athletic arena.

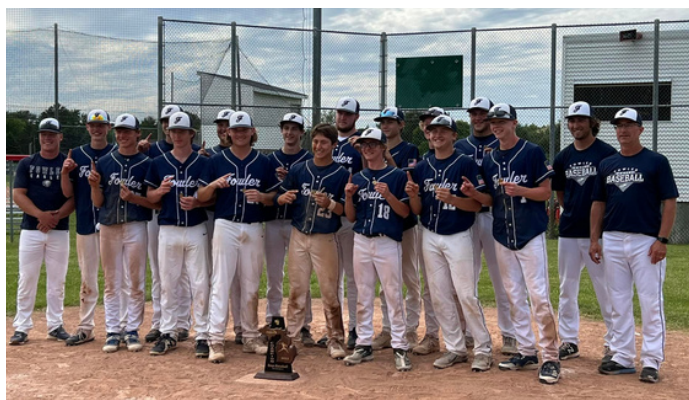
Congratulations to Ford Phillips, Alayna Vandegriff, Mason Smith, Nathan Hamilton, and Carly Andros!

Photos by Cindi Myers



District Champs!

Congratulations Varsity Baseball on earning the District Championship Title this season!



Regional Champs!

Congratulations FHS Girls Track and Field on earning the Regional Championship Title May 21st!



FHS Sporting event schedules can be found at
www.fowlereagles.net

The Athletic Department would like to thank the parent & student volunteers who helped out with athletic events during the spring season. Your time and willingness to help is always very much appreciated.



It's A Lineman Thing

Congratulations Fowler Varsity Football Players who took 1st Place in the 21st Annual Lineman Challenge hosted by St. Johns High School.

Fowler's Lineman Nathan Halfmann, Dominic Thelen, Drew Armbrustmacher, Evan Curtiss, Adyn O'Rourke, and Cooper Koenigsknecht competed in several strength and speed events against 8 other schools on July 13th. Events included bench press for reps of 185, squats for reps of 225, farmer carry, 5 man sled, 40 yard dash, and tire flip.

Congratulations Team Lineman! Can't wait for the 2022 Season!!



VETERAN'S GAME

**Game 1: August 26th at Home
7:00 pm**

**Game 2: CMAC-Wide Salute
Sept. 9th at Bath 7:00 pm**

25th Anniversary of SPICER FIELD DEDICATION

SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 | 7:00 P.M.

Fowler vs. P-W @ Home

- Former football players are to arrive early to form a tunnel to the football field for the team to run through.
- Former players will process across the field at halftime.
- Fowler Football memorabilia will be on display from over the years for you to view.

Fowler Board of Education 2022 Candidates



Ryan O'Rourke

Ryan is a lifelong community member of Fowler and lives with his wife Vicki, and four children, Treagan (18), Adyn (16), Neelah (14), and Brennin (11).

Ryan is employed by Michigan State University as an assistant director of Internal Audit and his wife is a principal at the Clinton County RESA. Ryan has been and continues to be active in volunteering for youth and high school sports in Fowler and other organizations, such as meals on wheels and at church. He has appreciated the opportunity to serve the three previous terms on the school board in many roles, including officer positions and on committees.

Ryan and his wife feel fortunate to have their children attend the Fowler Public Schools and receive a high quality education within a very supportive learning environment from the hardworking and dedicated staff.

Ryan's priority has and will be the continued success of the students. "The expectation of the school district is a high quality educational experience each year for students and a preparedness for graduation and entering the workforce/trade school/college. This process starts when all students begin their very first day of school. Through their school years they receive support from a school system that has been built on a strong core foundation of support including staff, parents and the entire community. Student success is dependent on all of these supports and I understand the importance of the entire picture. It is important for everyone in this support system to keep high standards."

If elected to the school board Ryan would continue to focus on the students and provide opportunities for their success. "I would like the opportunity to continue to provide my talents, ideas, and perspective to assist the schools with achieving continued success."

Fowler Board of Education

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Mindy Schafer

Mindy was born and raised in Clinton County and is a 1989 graduate of Fowler High School. Mindy earned a B.S. in Sociology from Grand Valley State University (1992) and a Master's Degree in Information & Library Science from the University of Michigan (1996) and is currently the Assistant Director of the DeWitt District Library.

Mindy is married and has three children; Claire, Will, and Lauren, also graduates of Fowler High School. Her husband, Brett, is a shift leader at General Motors and is the FHS Cross Country coach and boy's Track coach.

While a member of the Fowler Board of Education, she has served on the Technology, Building & Grounds and Personnel & Finance committees and is currently the Board of Education secretary. Mindy has also been a member of the Fowler Community PTA and Fowler Band & Music Boosters, serving as both President and Treasurer. She also worked with Kris Ernst to establish the Fowler High School Student Athlete Advisory Council and served as advisor for three years.

Mindy's priorities as a member of the Fowler Board of Education are to continue to ensure that our students are receiving an education that will prepare them for their futures as college students, employees or military personnel and to make Fowler Public Schools a desirable option for families who are either moving to the mid-Michigan area or considering FPS as a school of choice. Mindy thinks this can be done by offering both a solid educational foundation and a variety of extra-curricular opportunities in areas such as athletics, the arts, technology, community service and student leadership.



Brett Thelen

Brett graduated from Fowler High School in 1999 and went on to obtain a Bachelor's in Computer Science from WMU and a Master's in Business Administration from MSU. Brett is currently serving as the Chief Information Officer at SET SEG; an organization that serves Michigan public schools' insurance and risk management needs.

Brett currently lives in Fowler with his wife, Nickie Thelen (Schrauben), and their four children; Paige (15), Carter (13), Sawyer (10), and Autumn (9). Brett is wrapping up his fourth year on the Board of Education at Fowler Public Schools.

For the past nine years, he also served on the MHT Educational Trust Fund and has organized the Fowler Youth Soccer League for youth in the area.

Brett's top priority as a school board member would be to continue serving in a capacity to best enable and support Fowler Public Schools in providing our students a safe and effective learning environment and the best education in mid-Michigan. His focus will be to ensure our students have ample opportunities to develop into responsible, educated, and moral adults via opportunities both in the classroom and in sports/activities outside the classroom.



"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."

--Marian Wright Edelman

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Kristin Phillips

I am a Fowler High School graduate and life-long resident of this community. Oldest daughter of dairy farmers, Ann Marie and Jerome Pohl. I have been married to Kirk Phillips for almost 25 years and have five children ages 10 through 20: Hudson, Faith, Ford, Chevy and Hope. My kids have been part of the Fowler school system for the last fifteen years, my second one is graduating next year, and my last child will graduate from FHS in 2030!

For my day job, I am the Chief of Marketing & Outreach for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. I have worked for the state for about 22 years. I serve on the Fowler

Public School Education Foundation board, the Most Holy Trinity School dinner raffle committee and parish picnic committee, and a number of other efforts and events that support the school, sports teams, band and MHT church.

I am proud to be from Fowler and the Fowler education program has served me and my children well. Our district sets and holds a high bar for our students and the high school provides opportunities for our youth to be college- and career-ready by the time they graduate.

I would like to be part of continuing that success for our current and future students by working with the superintendent, district leadership and other community members on the board. I personally have a lot of stake with four of my children still part of the school system. And I'm also motivated to continue making Fowler a place where my kids (and so many others!) want to raise their children and I believe a solid school system is a key aspect of that decision.



Matthew Epkey

Matt and his wife Jenna have 4 children: Isaiah (9), Owen (8), Elise (5) and Aiden (2).

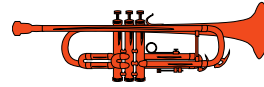
Matt graduated from Fowler High School in 2005 and pursued a Masters in Occupational Science from Grand Valley State University. Matt has spent a majority of his career in hospital-based rehabilitation in the Grand Rapids area to promote recovery for survivors of trauma, brain-injury, stroke, amputation and other diagnosis. For the last 9 years, Matt has had the opportunity to serve within leadership working within interdisciplinary teams, participating in strategic planning and executing goals related to safety, quality and community service.

Matt is indebted and grateful for the opportunity to grow up in Fowler and to have had his formative years in the Fowler School District. Since moving back to Fowler from Grand Rapids in 2018, Matt has assisted the men's varsity basketball program and volunteered to coach various youth sports. Matt holds a strong awareness that the opportunities that have been presented over the years are a direct result of the support from a loving family and exceptional community. If elected to serve on the school board, the role would be held with a primary focus on promoting the values that lead to exceptional performance of our school-aged youth and supporting the overall operations that impact the dedicated staff within the Fowler School District.



"Education is the cornerstone of our communities and our country"

--Bill First



Spring Events

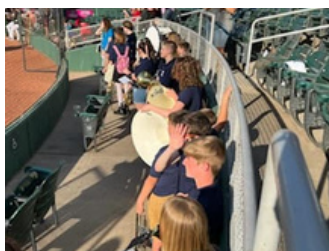
submitted by Mr. Roorda

This Spring the Fowler Bands were busy with their usual assortment of end-of-year performances. The middle school bands combined with the high school band for their annual Spring Concert in Piggott gym where each band played a number of tunes, awards were given, and graduating seniors were honored. Congratulations to Quentin Smith and Adam Armbrustmacher for being the recipients of this year's Directors Award and John Phillip Sousa Award, respectively.



The middle school bands also enjoyed a couple trips including a "Fowler Band Night" with the Lansing Lugnuts. The band performed the opening national anthem and then spent the evening enjoying the ballgame with their families and friends. At the end of the school year, the middle schoolers were able to travel by motorcoach to Cedar Point to enjoy a well-earned day of fun on the roller coast.

The high school band played the seniors one final tune by providing the Pomp and Circumstance at this year's outdoor graduation ceremony on Spicer Field and also honored our community's veterans by playing at the remembrance ceremony on Memorial Day at MHT cemetery. Students should be on the lookout for a mailing in early August with forms and important information for our band camp happening from August 19-22!



Cedar Point 2022





LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD POLICY ON MEDICATIONS

COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Before any medication or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the board shall require the written prescription from the child's physician accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. In cases where non-prescribed medication is necessary, the school may dispense such medication only upon proper authorization by the parent. These documents shall be on file in the principal's office.

Only medication in its original prescription bottle, labeled with the date of the prescription, student's name, and exact dosage will be administered. Staff of students authorized in writing by their physician and parents may administer medication or treatment, but only in the presence of another adult.

In cases where non-prescribed medications are necessary, the school may dispense such medication only upon the proper authorization by the parents.

Staff members are to administer medication or treatment only in the presence of another adult, except in the case of an emergency that threatens the life or health of the student.

Civil Rights, Title VI, and Section
504 – Non-Discrimination Policy

As required by the federal government, the following notices are given to the community of Fowler Public Schools:

Civil Rights Compliance – The Fowler Public Schools, located at 11214 W Kent, Fowler, MI 48835, will receive and use federal funds and USDA donated foods. No person, because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination in our United States Department of Agriculture donated food and child nutrition programs.

Non-Discrimination Policy – It is the policy of Fowler Public Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status, be excluded from participation in, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, or employment.

COMMUNICATION PROCESS

Questions, concerns and ideas routinely arise during the school year. This outline is provided to assist in communication with the appropriate person.

Step 1: Questions or concerns regarding instructional practices should go to the teacher first. A discussion should be scheduled with the principal if you still have questions after talking with the teacher.

Step 2: Questions or concerns should be directed to the administrator or director who has responsibility in the area of concern.

Step 3: A conference with the superintendent is most appropriately held if questions or concerns have not been adequately addressed at earlier levels.

Step 4: The final level of contact with the district about a question or concern is the Board of Education.

Grievance/Complaint Procedures of the Title VI and Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

If any person believes that the Fowler Public School District, or any part of the school, has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, and (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, he/she may bring forward a complaint, to the local Civil Rights Coordinator, Neil Hufnagel, Fowler Public Schools, 11214 W Kent, Fowler, MI 48835.

The person who believes he/she has a valid basis for the complaint shall discuss the complaint informally with the local Civil Rights Coordinator. If unresolved, he/she may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

Step 1: A written statement of the complaint signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator.

Step 2: The coordinator shall further investigate the complaint and reply in writing to the complainant.

Step 3: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator, he/she may submit a signed statement of appeal to the superintendent within (10) calendar days after receipt of the coordinator's response.

Step 4: The superintendent shall affirm or reverse the Civil Rights Coordinator's decision and, if warranted, implement the Civil Rights Coordinator's proposed resolution or a modification thereof.

Step 5: If the complainant remains unsatisfied, he/she may appeal to the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington DC 20202.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The following is a description of the immunization requirements as set by the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health.

See www.mcir.org/forms/SS_School_Requirements.pdf

1. Ages 4-6: 4 doses of DTP or DTap (one dose must be on or after age 4); 4 doses of polio vaccine; 2 doses MMR vaccine on or after 12 months of age; 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after 12 months of age OR reliable history of disease.

2. Ages 7-18, including all 6th graders: 4 doses D and T OR 3 doses Td if one given on or after age 7; 1 dose Tdap for ages 11-18 IF 5 years since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine; 2 doses MMR; 3 doses Hepatitis B; 1 dose meningococcal for ages 11 or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher; 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine OR reliable history of disease.

Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen. All doses must be given with appropriate spacing and at appropriate ages. Tdap is required at 11 years of age or older regardless of grade.

When presented with anything but a medical or religious exemption from immunization requirements, the administrator must obtain the consent of the director of local public health office to recognize the exemption and admit the student. All parents are encouraged to review their child's immunization record. If records do not meet the requirements, please contact your family physician or the local department of public health.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act is commonly referred to as The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA generally does not apply to most private elementary and secondary schools, as they do not typically receive U.S. Department of Education funding.

The educational interests of students require the collection, retention, and use of data about individuals and groups of students while ensuring individual rights of privacy. The school District will maintain educational records of students for legitimate educational purposes.

School records are confidential and information from them shall not be released except as provided by law. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear, and relevant. The District may release directory information in accord with law, provided parent(s)/guardian(s) are given the opportunity to object to the release of this information. Directory information for this District includes the following information: the student's name, picture, major field of study, participation in recognized activities and sports and related information, grade placement, honors and awards received, and telephone number (for military recruiters only).

Directory information may be provided to persons or organizations for non-profit making purposes when deemed appropriate by the building principal, unless the parents of the student restrict the information in writing to the building principal.

The District shall inform students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) annually and upon initial enrollment of their rights under FERPA and Board policy with respect to student records, and of the procedures for exercising those rights. The Superintendent shall provide the appropriate training to all staff that has access to student records.

Pursuant to federal law, a form will be sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) that allow them to opt out of the disclosure of directory information to the military recruiters, and that informs the recipients that failure to complete and return the form will result in the disclosure of the information to military recruiters.

As provided in PA39, 2002 (MCL 380.1139) a school must provide armed forces recruiters and service academies with a student's name, address, and telephone number (if listed.)

The District shall protect the rights of privacy of students and their families in connection with any surveys or data-gathering activities conducted, assisted, or authorized by the Board or Superintendent.

NOTIFICATION OF DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE AS TITLE VI, TITLE IX, AND SECTION 504 COORDINATOR

The federal government has made provisions to ensure that no person is discriminated against on the basis of sex, religion, race, color, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status or handicap. In order to protect these rights and assure compliance, the Fowler Public Schools has appointed Mark Horak as Coordinator of Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504.

IMPORTANT: FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Free and reduced lunch and milk applications are available in the school offices or online at Lunchapp.com. You will be notified if you qualify. If you have any further questions, please contact Jessica Anthony, Food Service Director at 989-593-2160 or 989-593-2250 or janthony@fowlerschools.net.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN (IPM)

The use of pesticides in schools must be done in accordance with an Integrated Pest Management Program which complies with Regulation 637, Rule 14 of the Michigan Pesticide Act, PA 171. The Fowler district IPM plan is in accordance with the state law and available to the public by requesting a copy from the superintendent's office. Each school building has a copy for reference for interested staff and students.

In brief, the IPM plan clearly defines the procedures necessary to apply pest control methods of school. The applicant must use the following checklist:

1. Site evaluation
2. Inspection
3. Monitoring
4. Determine pest biology
5. Consider all available methods
6. Take action steps

Over the course of the school year, during appropriate application times, the maintenance department may apply a variety of pest control methods. If you live in close proximity of the school and wish to be notified of any applications, contact the superintendent's office at 989-593-2296 as soon as possible.

MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

The McKinney-Vento program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State educational agencies (SEAs) must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth.

The program is authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11431 et seq.), (McKinney-Vento Act). The program was originally authorized in 1987 and, most recently, reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED

Michigan law prohibits smoking in all buildings owned by public schools around the state. This includes not only the classroom buildings, but also any other buildings such as bus garages, maintenance buildings, or administrative buildings.



NOTICE TO PARENTS ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CURRICULUM

The Board of Education has established a program of instruction in sex education. As a component of the sex education program, reproductive health is offered in identified courses.

According to law (PA 226 of 1977), parents have the right to review the materials to be used in these courses. The local board of education, in compliance with state statute, will make the materials available for parents to re-view. Any parent who wishes to do so may contact the high school at 989-593-2250 or Waldron at 989-593-2160 to make arrangements for review of the materials.

Students in grades 4-9 will be eligible to participate in these courses. By law, parents have the right to excuse their children from participation in the reproductive health portion of the class.

Any parent wishing to exercise his/her right to excuse a student without penalty from instruction in reproductive health should please send written notice to Waldron Elementary or Fowler High School, PO Box 408, Fowler, MI 48835 before the scheduled instruction time.

PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

Public Law 93.390 states: "An education agency or institution may disclose personally identifiable information from the educational records of a student who is in attendance at the institution or agency if that information has been designated as directory information." (45CFR 99.37(a))

Accordingly, the following is designated as directory information with respect to all past and present students of the Fowler Public Schools:

1. Name
2. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
3. Dates of attendance.
4. Honors and rewards received.
5. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.
6. Yearbook pictures and school related photographs.

If you as a parent do not want this type of personally identifiable information made part of publicity, newsletters, yearbooks, and newspaper publications, please send a letter of notification designating the specific categories of directory information you do not want released with respect to your child.

In accordance with this law, a parent of a student currently in attendance in the Fowler Public Schools has ten (10) days from the date of this notice to notify the school district in writing.



Suicide is now the second leading cause of death for teens and young adults in the United States.

Suicide does not discriminate. People of all genders, ages, and ethnicities can be at risk and there is no single cause. Knowing the warning signs and how to get help can save lives.

RISK FACTORS CAN INCLUDE:

- Depression, other mental disorders or substance use disorder
- Certain medical conditions/chronic pain
- A prior suicide attempt
- Family history of a mental disorder, substance use or suicide

We can help!

Call 989-403-6100 for a confidential no-cost assessment.

Free 24/7 Walk-In Mental Health Assessments and Referrals. For more information please visit www.CedarCreekHospital.com.

Outpatient Services Coming Soon!



If you are a parent and wish to receive school notifications on school closings and more, please join only 1 of the following Remind groups:

Parent of PreK & KD - text @f72f33k to 81010

Parent of 1st & 2nd Grade - text @fgadcfe to 81010

Parent of 3rd & 4th Grade - text @f6gkbd9 to 81010

Parent of 5th & 6th Grade - text @346eaa to 81010

Parent of 7th & 8th Grade - text @28ak7h7 to 81010

Parent of 9th & 10th Grade - text @dfbbaac to 81010

Parent of 11th & 12th Grade - text @7chk7d to 81010

Fowler Public School Directory

Fowler High School office989-593-2250

Superintendent/HS Principal
Mark Horak989-593-2250

Waldron Elementary/M.S office.989-593-2160

Principal
Paul Minns989-593-2160

Transportation
Mike Schmitt989-593-2360 ext. 216

Athletic Director
Kris Ernst989-593-2250 ext. 204

Business Manager
Teresa Pline989-593-2296

Director of Food Services
Jessica Anthony989-593-2160

Building & Ground Supervisor
Mike Schmitt989-593-2360 ext. 264

2022 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Monday, January 10, 2022

Monday, February 14, 2022

Monday, March 14, 2022

Monday, April 11, 2022

Monday, May 9, 2022

***Monday, June 6, 2022 Budget Hearing**

Monday, June 13, 2022

Monday, July 11, 2022

Monday, August 8, 2022

Monday, September 12, 2022

Monday, October 10, 2022

Monday, November 14, 2022

Monday December 12, 2022

Monday, January 9, 2023

**as amended, third Monday due to Budget Hearing*

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