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FPS Board of Education appoints Dr. Kelly Coffin, interim superintendent, to serve as the District's next superintendent

On Tuesday, November 19, the Farmington Public Schools' (FPS) Board of Education voted unanimously with a 6-0 vote to appoint Interim Superintendent Dr. Kelly Coffin as the District's next superintendent.

"The Board of Education is proud to announce Dr. Kelly Coffin as our new permanent superintendent," stated FPS Board of Education President Terri Weems. "After thoughtful deliberation and robust discussion, it became clear that the best path forward for our district is one rooted in stability and curriculum and instruction. These are qualities and attributes that Dr. Coffin embodies."

Weems shared information that was reviewed at the Superintendent Evaluation and Succession Planning Committee meeting that was held on November 10, 2024. The Committee reviewed survey feedback, discussed feedback related to qualifications for a superintendent, and discussed next steps and timing.

When reviewing the survey results as provided by Cobalt Community Research, it was important to note that the survey had in excess of 700 responses with approximately 250



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Megan Saunders named as Farmington Public Schools' 2024-2025 Senior Adult Extraordinaire



Megan Saunders with her nominator, Debby Kuna

On Thursday, October 17, 2024, Farmington Public Schools (FPS) honored Megan Saunders as the 2024-2025 Senior Extraordinaire Award winner at the District's Annual Senior Adult Breakfast.

Since 2006, FPS has been honoring distinguished senior adults that volunteer their time and talents to enhance educational activities for students in our District. Megan has been volunteering with the District for more than six years and was nominated due to her work at Lanigan Elementary School.

Megan Saunders was nominated by Debby Kuna, first grade teacher at Lanigan Elementary

School. Megan has been a volunteer in Debby's classroom for more than six years. Megan started off volunteering with FPS in a Kindergarten classroom where the kids instantly connected with her and grew to love her. Megan is always extremely involved with the students on a high level, being very hands-on in helping them learn.

After the COVID-19 Pandemic, Megan continued her volunteer work and joined Debby in her new third grade classroom. Megan makes learning fun by joking with all of the students, and often buying them treats to enjoy. The students love having Megan volunteer in the classroom.

Debby Kuna currently teaches first grade, and Megan still volunteers with her. Megan, no matter what grade classroom she is in, brings joy, positivity, and smiles to the students. She is able to make connections with every student she meets.

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Board of Education Meeting Dates

2024-25

December 3	February 25	May 20
December 17	March 11	June 3
January 7	April 8	June 17
January 21	April 22	
February 11	May 6	

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at the Maxfield Education Center located at 32789 W. Ten Mile Rd., Farmington, Michigan.

Board Meetings are cablecast LIVE on TV-10 and streamed on the District's YouTube channel.



Millage Renewal



Thank you for your support!

On Tuesday, November 5, voters were asked to renew the current operating millage for Farmington Public Schools. **The millage passed.**

School Reminders

No School: Thanksgiving Recess

Wednesday, November 27– Friday, November 29
Schools reconvene on Monday, December 2

No School: Winter Vacation

Monday, December 23– Friday, January 3
Schools reconvene on Monday, January 6

All K-12 Students AM only

Friday, January 17

No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

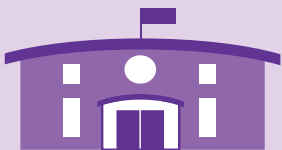
Monday, January 20

Second Student Count Day

Wednesday, February 12

No School: February Break

Monday, February 17– Friday, February 21
Schools reconvene on Monday, February 24



The government has made legal provisions to ensure that no person is discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In order to protect these rights and assure compliance, the Farmington Public Schools District has appointed Mr. Christopher O'Brien as Coordinator of Title IX and Section 504 and Mr. Greg Smith as Coordinator of Title VI, the Age Discrimination Act, and Title II. Inquiries concerning the application of, or grievances for, any of these regulations should be addressed to: christopher.obrien@fpsk12.net or gregory.smith@fpsk12.net.



Heinrich and Hull elected to serve on the Farmington Public Schools' Board of Education

On Tuesday, November 5, two community members were elected to serve on the Farmington Public Schools' Board of Education.

For the two open six-year term seats, Claudia Heinrich was the top vote getter with 15,567 votes, followed closely by Thomas Hull with 12,654 votes.

Heinrich will continue to serve on the FPS Board of Education while Thomas Hull will be a new addition to the Board of Education following the leave of Zach Rich who stepped down in July.



Claudia Heinrich



Thomas Hull

"We would like to thank all of those community members who were interested in serving on the school board," stated Interim Superintendent Kelly Coffin. "We look forward to continuing to work with Claudia Heinrich and welcoming Thomas Hull to the Board of Education."

Heinrich and Hull will be sworn in at the Tuesday, January 7, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

Please join us in welcoming our new Board of Education members.



The FPS community is VERY SATISFIED with its public schools

- Farmington Public Schools recently partnered with Cobalt Community Research, a 501c3 not-for-profit research coalition, to conduct a **Community Engagement and Priority Assessment survey**.

- The District has conducted past Cobalt surveys in 2011 and 2015, and **overall satisfaction stayed stable in 2024**.

- The current data was collected in May and June 2024.

The survey was emailed to **10,737 parents** and mailed to a random sample of **2,000 voters**.



1 figure = 100 people



Recommendation factors:

- Diversity of the District
- Extra-curricular Options
- Educational Quality
- Advanced Classes
- Quality of Teachers
- Effective Communication
- Fairness

Recommended improvements:

- More after-school STEAM Activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
- Stronger Curriculum
- Longer Summer School
- Addressing bullying issues
- More support for teachers
- School Safety

Most important factors in choosing a school system:

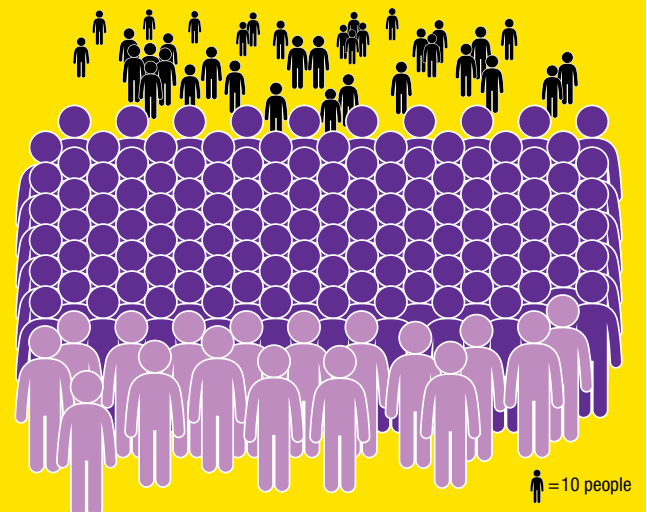
Academic Performance, Staff Quality, Curriculum, Safety/Security, Class Size, Diverse Student Body and Staff, Welcoming and Nurturing Environment

Feedback was from **1,712 individuals** which represents a statistically sound survey.

More than **80% of parents** and more than **70% of voters** would recommend **Farmington Public Schools**

Bonds:

Favorable support for fine arts and STEAM.
More information needed about a sinking fund and a bond for athletics before supporting.



1 figure = 10 people

Farmington Public Schools' Board of Education Trustee Angie Smith awarded for her leadership

Farmington Public Schools (FPS) Board of Education Trustee, Angie Smith, won a Leadership in Education award at the 11th Annual African American Leadership Awards on October 6, 2024 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Hundreds of guests and nominees gathered



to celebrate African American Leadership, recognizing and saluting public servants, business leaders, and community leaders for their contributions to the African American community locally, regionally, and statewide.

Angie Smith has been a member of the FPS Board of Education since 2016. Angie served on numerous committees in the district. Angie has also served the District as a Building PTA President, PTA Council president, PTA State Region D Representative, and Co-Chair of the Farmington/Farmington Hills MCMR MLK Walk.

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respondents who left detailed comments. The written feedback was consistent with the survey with most people expressing a desire for stability, for consistency, for staying the course, for supporting an internal candidate, and for the current interim to be considered for the position.

"The feedback we received from our community reinforced the value of her leadership during her time as interim superintendent," stated Weems. "Dr. Coffin knows our district, our people, and our systems, and she has already made significant strides in driving positive change and fostering accountability. The Board is committed to accelerating the progress we've seen in recent years, and support Dr. Coffin as the leader to help us achieve that. We are thrilled to have her officially join our team and look forward to working together to advance student achievement and success."

Dr. Coffin, who came to Farmington Public Schools in May 2020 to serve as the Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Strategic

Initiatives, has been serving as the District's Interim Superintendent upon Dr. Delgado's transition to a new position at Oakland Schools in September 2024. As a lifelong educator, she has served as a classroom teacher, building principal, and district leader.

Since coming to Farmington Public Schools, some of Dr. Coffin's accomplishments include leading the District through a Strategic Planning Process, collaborating with staff and community members to develop the Profile of a Lifelong Learner and a new Mission and Vision, guiding all of the principals in the District, and creating a lens of innovation for all to filter decisions through to increase student achievement.

"I am honored to be selected to lead this amazing school community," stated Coffin. "I look forward to continuing to collaborate with the Board of Education, our staff and educators, and our community members in providing the best education for our students and school experience for our families."

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"Megan is very hard working, extremely dependable, flexible, and an all around great person," said nominator Debby Kuna. "I take comfort in the days that I know she is coming to volunteer, it is like having another teacher in the classroom."

Megan started volunteering with FPS as a Senior Adults Giving to Education (SAGE) volunteer. SAGE is a community program designed to

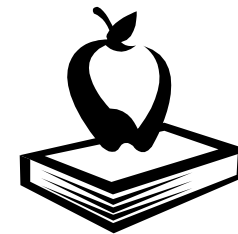
bring senior adults into the classroom to share the wisdom and values of their generation. The SAGE program is sponsored by the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Senior Adult Division in cooperation with FPS.

Megan has been described as kind, humorous, professional, dependable, and consistent. "I'd say her best quality is her devotion towards all students," said Debby Kuna.

The Senior School Connection

There are several activities and opportunities for senior adults available through Farmington Public Schools. The following is just a sampling!

S.A.G.E. (Senior Adults Giving to Education)



A Partnership between the City of Farmington Hills Senior Division and Farmington Public Schools

SAGE is a community program designed to bring older adults into elementary classrooms to share the wisdom and values of their generation.

Volunteers must commit to one school year (October through June), one day per week, one hour per day.

The program is sponsored by the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Senior Adult Division in cooperation with Farmington Public Schools.

To volunteer, or for further details, please contact:

Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center
248.473.1822



Senior Adult Cards

Senior adults (age 60 and over) who live in the District attendance area may register for a complimentary pass which entitles seniors to discounted or free admission to school plays, concerts (student performances) and home athletic events (except conference finals and state tournaments).

- Senior adult cards are available at the School/Community Relations Department located at the Board of Education office, 33000 Freedom Road, Farmington, MI 48336.
- Please call School/Community Relations at 248.489.3349, if you need additional information.
- Senior adult card holders are encouraged to visit the Farmington Public Schools' website to learn more about the District and for a schedule of upcoming concerts and sporting events.

www.farmington.k12.mi.us

Senior Adult Breakfast

Farmington Public Schools hosted its annual Senior Adult Breakfast on Thursday, October 17. We thank all of the senior adults in the community who came out to hear an update about the District from our Interim Superintendent Kelly Coffin and see a sampling of work from many of our schools. Guests were also able to enjoy wonderful musical performances by the Farmington High School Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Jacob Trainee, and the North Farmington High School Madrigal Choir under the direction of Matthew Greenberg. District staff, along with students from our Student Round Table Group, served as hosts of each of our tables.



Gill Elementary third grade class wins Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. Merit Award

On Friday, October 11, Mrs. Kate Donnelly-Harris's third grade class was honored at the Keep Michigan Beautiful Awards Program. They won the Keep Michigan Beautiful Merit Award for their kindness initiative. Multiple students attended the awards in Frankenmuth, Michigan, while the rest of the students cheered virtually from the classroom.

Mrs. Harris's class started their journey last year when the students began their persuasive essay unit. The unit explored the inspiring work of artists and activists, those who use art and action to raise awareness of community issues. With this information, the students set out to discover their own community problems. After surveying third, fourth, and fifth graders and their parents, the results revealed that the community issue at hand was a lack of kindness.

The students were motivated to make a change. They brainstormed different ways to promote kindness through art and action.

In addition to writing persuasive essays, the students used their knowledge to advocate for change in many creative ways. They wrote letters to their parents requesting room makeovers,



Students accepting the award.

they wrote letters to their teachers proposing writing and producing a kindness play, and wrote letters to their bus drivers asking for a change in seating arrangements.

After their initial ideas, the students were full of

enthusiasm and desire to continue spreading kindness. They created bookmarks, bracelets, wrote songs, designed posters, made buttons, made candy flowers, and authored essays. Throughout this whole process, these students have become empowered to use kindness as a tool for positive change and self-expression.

Keep Michigan Beautiful hosts an awards program annually that recognizes programs, projects, and activities that substantially contribute to the beautification, cleanup, environmental enhancement, site restoration, and historical preservation of the state.

"Receiving the merit award for Keeping Michigan Beautiful is meaningful to me because it highlights this class's commitment to spreading kindness," said Mrs. Donnelly-Harris. "The award underscores the idea that beauty goes beyond our surroundings. This recognition only reinforces their efforts and empowers them to

continue to try to make the world a more beautiful place by spreading kindness."

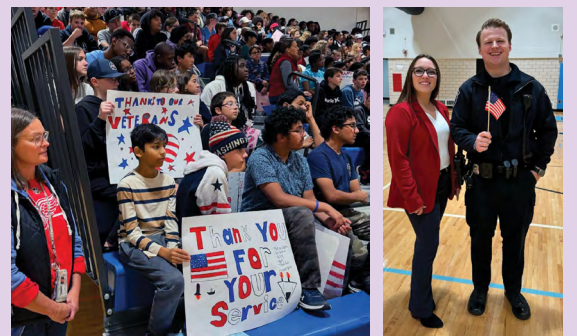


Students watched online as the award was accepted.



Power Middle School students honor veterans

Power Middle School students honored veterans on Veterans Day with a celebration and parade. Power alum Megan Cromwell sang the national anthem. This was an opportunity for the students to express their gratitude for the sacrifices made by the veterans, as part of the Positivity Project, by celebrating the character traits of bravery and gratitude.



Farmington Public Schools wins two awards from the Michigan School Public Relations Association

Members of the Farmington Public Schools' (FPS) Communications Department recently received two Awards of Merit in the 2024 MSPRA Excellence Awards program. Staff members who worked on these projects are Diane Bauman, APR, Director of School/Community Relations & Pupil Accounting and Communication Specialists Julie Langdon and Courtney O'Hara.

Each year, MSPRA honors professionals who are positively impacting public education through strategic communication efforts, as well as the best work in school public relations. MSPRA's Excellence Awards recognize outstanding publications, digital media materials, and other public relations projects across 10 categories.

FPS earned an Award for Merit for outstanding achievement in the Marketing Materials cat-

egory for its Schools of Choice Marketing Materials. This award was earned for the schools of choice campaign the District ran last year to spread awareness about the schools of choice window, increasing enrollment in the District.

FPS earned a second Award of Merit for outstanding achievement in the Newsletter category for our UpDate Newsletter. The UpDate Newsletter is a printed newsletter that is sent via mail quarterly to all FPS families and community members that includes updates and highlights from across the District.

"We were excited to receive these two awards," stated Bauman. "I am so lucky to work with such a talented team each day who work to tell the school district's story."

Farmington Public Schools will be honored for these awards in March 2025 at the annual MSPRA Conference in Traverse City, Michigan.



Farmington Public Schools scores at or above the County and State levels

Farmington Public Schools (FPS) has performed at or above the county and state level while also displaying meaningful growth aligned with specific District goals.

Many student groups have shown stronger achievement when results are compared to the County and State levels. Black or African American students were above the County and State levels in all grades in both math and literacy. Additionally, students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) scored notably above their 11th grade county peers.

Key student group performance at specific grade levels showed gains in literacy and math compared to the prior year, showing early impact of the District's literacy and math work. There have been positive improvements at the elementary school, middle school, and high school levels.

"Farmington Public Schools is committed to increasing student achievement for all students

we serve," said Superintendent Kelly Coffin. "We recognize that it is important to remove barriers for those students who, in the past, may not have had access to certain learning opportunities. This calls on us to look at current structures and focus on equitable instructional approaches."

FPS is continuing its dedication to investing in literacy and mathematics professional learning and quality instructional resources, as well as technology tools to accelerate student learning. Significant investments in moving the District's Profile of a Lifelong Learner forward continues through growing partnerships for authentic learning. FPS knows these will translate into short and long term gains for all students.



Personal property liability

Farmington Public School District and its staff are NOT liable for damage to or loss of personal property of students. It is suggested that items brought to school by your child and deemed by you to have substantial value be insured separately on your homeowner's policy.

Returned check policy

If restitution is not made on a check returned by the bank for any reason, the District will no longer accept checks from that individual. If two returned checks are received from the same individual, the District will no longer accept checks from that individual even if restitution has been made. The District's returned check fee is \$20.00.

Voluntary student medical insurance

We wish to emphasize that Farmington Public School District does NOT provide any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by your child at school. Since children are particularly susceptible to injuries, we encourage you to review your present health and accident insurance program to determine if your coverage is adequate.

If you do not feel your insurance is adequate because of a deductible or co-insurance clause or if you do not have insurance, we encourage you to review the voluntary student insurance program offered by Student Assurance Services. This plan will provide benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident. An explanation of the cost and benefits is explained on their website (www.sas-mn.com). The program is administered by Student Assurance Services, Inc. of Stillwater, Minnesota. Student Assurance Services can be reached at (800) 328-2739. The enrollment form and claim form are also available on their website.

Farmington Public Schools' students attend Pretty Brown Girl Dream Career Summit

Farmington Public Schools' (FPS) girls from both Farmington High school (FHS) and North Farmington High School (NFHS) attended the inaugural Pretty Brown Girl Foundation Dream Career Summit. The Summit took place on Friday, September 27 at the Ford Experience Center.

The Dream Career Summit sponsored by Ford Motor Company, hosted high school girls from across Metro-Detroit. The theme was "Dare to be Different: Embrace Your Authentic Self." The Summit offered a chance for students to network with female industry leaders and trailblazers from Ford including executives, directors, and more.

The Summit put an emphasis on empowerment, mental health, mentorship, and career building. The day was split between keynote presentations, hands-on experiences such as self-love art, learning about pitch presentations, and more. The Summit ended with a career fair where students brought their resumes and connected one-on-one with industry trailblazers.

The students learned about internships, career paths, how to interview, and more. The students learned a lot while with industry leaders.

FPS students connected with students from other Detroit-area schools. The Summit was an uplifting environment for our students as they connected with people outside of their school community and with mentors who supported them during the Summit. Students also identified and recommitted to their personal goals, and ways to listen to and support other peers' dreams and goals.

FPS had 15 students attend the Summit. The students entered the Summit slightly nervous about what to expect yet armed with resumes and professional flair, and left empowered young women excited for their futures.

"There was a tremendous amount of joy and belonging in the room. The students felt celebrated for their authenticity, commissioned to thrive in spite of obstacles, and to be mindful of their health and wellness," said Nyasha Boyd,

the FPS K-12 Career and Innovation Coordinator.



Staff and students attending the Summit.

Free tutoring available for FPS students

Farmington Public Schools is partnering with Varsity Tutors for Schools to provide students with free access to additional learning tools through the Varsity Tutors for Schools Platform.

- 24/7 On-Demand Chat Tutoring
- On-Demand Essay Review
- Live Academic and Enrichment Classes
- SAT and ACT Test Prep Classes
- Celebrity-Led StarCourse Classes
- Self-Study Resources
- College & Career Readiness Resources
- Adaptive Assessments & Personalized Learning Plans
- Prerecorded Enrichment Classes/Videos

Students can access the FREE resources only by logging in through Clever at Clever.com.

- STEP 1: Sign in to the student's Clever dashboard; click the Varsity Tutors application
- STEP 2: Explore the Learning Lab
- STEP 3: Review Platform Features



Varsity Tutors

Congratulations

Warner Middle School principal, Kelly Kaminski, selected as the District's new Director of Human Resources



Kelly Kaminski

Kelly Kaminski, current principal of Warner Middle School, has been selected from a pool of candidates, to serve as the next Director of Human Resources for the District upon the retirement of Jeff Danziger on November 15.

Kelly earned a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University and a Masters of Arts in Teaching with an endorsement in Middle-Level Teaching from the University of Michigan- Dearborn. She also completed the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Administrative Certificate Program.

Kelly started her career as an elementary and middle school teacher in Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Throughout her career she served as an Intervention Specialist Coach and an elementary school administrator. She started in Farmington Public Schools in 2016 when she was hired as the principal of Warner Middle School.

Her start date in the Human Resources and Talent Development Department is December 2, 2024.

"It has been a privilege and honor to serve these years in the Warner community," stated Kelly. "I look forward to my new position in serving Farmington Public Schools' students, staff, and families."

We congratulate Kelly on her new role with the District! The District will be interviewing for the Warner principal position in the weeks ahead.

Koda joins the staff at Forest Elementary School



Koda

Please welcome our newest Forest staff member Koda, our second therapy dog. Koda has been in training since last winter and will move in next week with his handler, Mrs. Vechazone.

Koda will begin spending some time each day in the building starting in December.

Koda is the brother to Warner Middle School's therapy dog, Sunny. We are so excited that this dynamic duo have joined the FPS staff.

Farmington High School students attend Manufacturing Day at BLM Group

Farmington High School (FHS) students participated in the 10th Annual Manufacturing Day hosted by Oakland Schools. On October 4, 2024, Mr. Mark Skodack's architecture class went to the BLM Group factory to learn more about manufacturing and engineering.

Manufacturing Day is an annual event organized by a partnership among the Oakland County Department of Economic Development, Oakland County Michigan Works!, Oakland Schools, and Oakland Community College. Manufacturing Day is designed to give students insight into careers in manufacturing, engineering, architecture, and other similar job categories.

Advanced Manufacturing is one of five county-wide focus industries connected to our career readiness targets. Manufacturing Day is a wonderful

opportunity to have hands-on experience with manufacturing at the high school level.

Each class that chooses to participate in Manufacturing Day gets paired up with a participating company. The students have the opportunity to participate in facility tours, hands-on activities, employee engagement, and more. Since 2015, more than 10,000 students and more than 103 companies have participated in Manufacturing Day.

BLM Group is an industry leader dedicated to designing, manufacturing, and digitizing systems for processing tubes, wires, and sheet metal. BLM Group provides applications and solutions to many companies including automotive, motorcycles, aerospace, furniture, HVAC, industrial vehicles, structural, fitness, household-appliances, and contractors.

FHS students and FPS Career Readiness staff including Jennifer Kluesner and Nyasha Boyd, and FHS building substitute Shazia Raza, had the opportunity to explore the BLM Group warehouse and look at all of the different machines while talking to the leaders who run those machines. The students witnessed how machines, robotics, and humans can work together to create physical elements.

Students were able to see the ins-and-outs of how machines in the warehouse are used every day. Additionally they witnessed simulations of robotics and how those robotics build



Farmington High School students watch a demonstration at BLM Group.

objects. The students were able to relate their CAD work to how they program these robots and machines to work.

BLM Group machines do various things. The students got to experience the metal bending machine and how it works. The machine printed each participant a spherical rubix cube as a keepsake from the day.

The students learned a lot about designing, robotics, machines, and coding. Additionally, the students were able to talk with industry professionals from all backgrounds about career paths and options to explore in the future.



Awards & Achievements

This is a partial list of awards and achievements of Farmington Public Schools' staff and students.



North Farmington High School alumna wins an Emmy Award at the 76th Annual Creative Arts Emmys

North Farmington High School (NFHS) alumna **Kelly Lyon**, maiden name Kelly Brickner, recently won an Emmy Award. She earned her award in September at the 76th

Annual Creative Arts Emmy Awards that took place at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles, California.

Kelly was nominated for two Emmy Awards. She won the award for "Outstanding Picture Editing for Variety Programming" for the Netflix special "John Mulaney Presents: Everybody's in LA." Kelly was nominated for two out of the five programs in this category. She was also nominated for her work on the Prime Video Special "Tig Notaro: Hello Again."

Kelly's journey in the industry started in 1999 at NFHS where she enrolled in an independent study in the public access station class, TV-10. Her instructor, **Dean Cobb**, was very supportive of her talent and her goals.

Kelly graduated from NFHS in 1999 and has had an incredible career in editing. She has worked on countless projects. According to an article by ProducationHUB, Kelly has edited digital shorts, parody commercials, and music videos for NBC's "Saturday Night Live," and projects like Mike Judge's stop-motion animated comedy "In The Know" for Peacock, "That Damn Michael Che" for HBO Max, "Portlandia" for IFC, and contributed to the critically acclaimed "The Bear" for FX on Hulu. Her editing prowess was also showcased in the Emmy Award-winning "SNL 40th Anniversary Special."

The **Farmington High School (FHS)** Boys Swimming and Diving head coach, **Drew Hansz**, was named the Michigan High School Coaches Association (MHSCA) State Boys Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year.



North Farmington High School (NFHS) Coach **Tom Negoshian** was inducted into the Michigan Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Tom, a retired FPS employee, is entering his 42nd year on the bench as either the boys' varsity head coach or assistant coach to our North Farmington Raiders.

The **Class of 2024 International Baccalaureate (IB) Graduates** will receive their IB diplomas and certificates on Thursday, December 9:

Wania Abbasi	Asher Hart	Shailen Odedra
Rayyan Ahmed	Lochlain Hart	Alina Olenzek
Layla Bouguettaya	Arya Karki	Carter Pierce
Vivek Chava	Landon Kennedy	Rufaidah Quraishi
Kaelin Clark	Spandan Labade	Kavya Ramkumar
Aiden Cummins	Jennifer (Belen) Liddy	Gwenyth Richards
Dylan Dancel	Dana (Donna) Lopatin	Hammad Shah
Sanjana Datla	Lydia Meissner	Charitee Smith
Bianca Evuleocha	Joshua Mulei	Seren Snyder
Kendall Fenton	Abby Meyer	Isabel Torres
Robert (Dean) Gibbens	Vijay Nannapuraju	Tyler Tremblay
Riley Guanco	Shreyas Narayanan	Abid Wazir
Doniyah Hampton	Alexandra Nowak	Faylinn Wong

Hillside Elementary School second grader, **Seth Moore**, landed a co-starring role on the Emmy and Golden Globe nominated television series *Abbott Elementary* which aired on Wednesday, October 9.



Forest Elementary School's Student Council recently coordinated a book drive to assist "Making Spirits Bright," a nonprofit organization in Farmington Hills. More than 3,000 books in just one week were collected.

On Wednesday, October 2, students, teachers, and parents all helped load up cars that arrived to collect the donations.

Farmington High School (FHS) ninth grader, **Carrington Owens**, was honored for her achievements in engineering at the 12th Annual Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP) Real McCoy Awards.



Football **Coach Herstein** at **North Farmington High School (NFHS)** was awarded OAA Blue Coach of the Year.

Multiple Farmington Public Schools' (FPS) students were recently named as National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students.

Farmington High School Semifinalists

Zainab Ahmed	Akshay Kumar
Syed T.Ahsan	Abdullah Nizar
Adriaan B. Friesen	Sajan Pinnamaraju
Mahaksh R. Jinna	Amrita Renduchintala
Nina Kobayashi	

Farmington High School Commended Students

Brandon J. Dial	Anna Toranchuk
Michael W. Patterson	

North Farmington High School Semifinalist

Srivatsan Balaji

North Farmington High School Commended Students

Garrett Brockman	Keval Shah
Aidan Hawkins	



The **North Farmington High School (NFHS)** tennis team are Regional Champions for the third year in a row.

The **North Farmington High School (NFHS)** Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has been designated as a 2023-2025 National PTA School of Excellence.



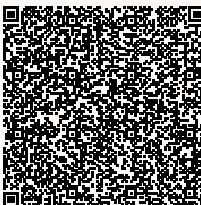
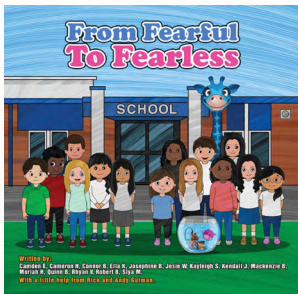
From Fearful to Fearless, a book written by Farmington Public Schools' students

After a successful collaboration with **Beechview Elementary School** students last year in writing a book, author Andy Gutman returned to Beechview last spring to work with 15 fifth graders (now sixth graders at **East Middle School**) who were selected by their teachers to work with the author. Gutman mentored the students throughout the writing process, and helped them bring their stories to life. The title



of their book is "From Fearful to Fearless." These brave authors decided to become introspective and look at their own fears and how they overcame them. We are very proud of their efforts to share their personal stories in hopes of helping others grow and overcome fears they have as well.

The book was recently released on Amazon and you can purchase using this QR code. Proceeds from the book will benefit Beechview Elementary School!



Farmington STEAM Academy application window to be open December 2–9

The Farmington STEAM Academy (FSA) online application window for the 2025–2026 school year will open on Monday, December 2, at 9 a.m. and will close on



Monday, December 9 at 11 p.m. for families that reside within the Farmington Public Schools' (FPS) District boundaries.

Centered on Project-Based Learning,

Farmington STEAM Academy combines unique facilities with an inquiry-driven philosophy, giving students autonomy and the opportunity to pursue their own interests.

Applications will become available on the FSA website at fsa.farmington.k12.mi.us beginning Monday, December 2, 2024.

The lottery will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 to fill the open FSA slots for the 2025–2026 school year. Families will be notified if they receive a slot into the FSA.

Farmington STEAM Academy is a K-8 school where STEAM is an integrated approach to learning that includes:

- S:** Science Standards and Social Sciences
- T:** Incorporation of Technology
- E:** Principles of Engineering and Design
- A:** English Language and Performing/Visual Arts
- M:** Application of Mathematics

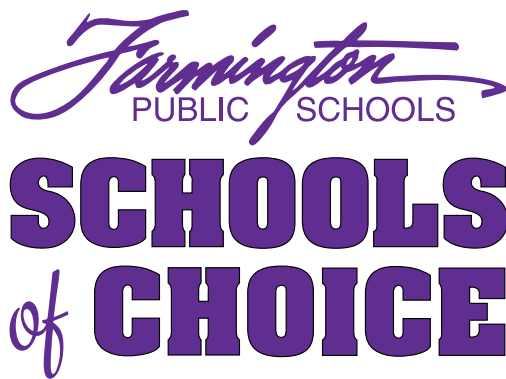


Farmington Public Schools is accepting Schools of Choice applications January 29–February 16

Farmington Public Schools (FPS) will accept Section 105 Schools of Choice applications starting January 29 through February 16, 2025 for the 2025–2026 school year. Applications will be open for grades Kindergarten through 9th grade. Applications for Farmington Online, our remote and virtual programs, will be open for Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Online applications will be available beginning Monday, January 29, 2025, on the Farmington Public Schools' website, www.farmington.k12.mi.us.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Friday, February 16, 2025. No applications will be honored after the February 16 deadline.



In order to support the District's goal of excellence and equity for all students, the granting of choice is balanced with the need to provide an equitable and appropriate enrollment in all of our schools. Final placement will be determined based on current enrollment, projected enrollment, 2025–2026 staffing

levels/ratios, and the number of applications received for each school/level.

Please see the District website for additional details and guidelines regarding the Section 105 Schools of Choice program at farmington.k12.mi.us/departments/instructional-services/schools-of-choice/section-105-limited-schools-of-choice.

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