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Farmington Public Schools names Deborah King as the 2024/2025 Support Person of the Year

Superintendent Dr. Kelly Coffin, along with the Human Resources Department and other District staff, surprised Deborah King, Head Custodian at the Maxfield Education Center, with the award for the 2024/2025 Farmington Public Schools' Support Person of the Year.

Deb has been a District employee since 2003. She has held many roles over the past 22 years, including noon aide, parking attendant, hall monitor, and custodian, and has been the head custodian of the Maxfield Education Center since 2022.

Colleagues of Deb's share that she has made outstanding contributions to the custodial team and has a tremendous positive impact on staff, students, and families. She is known for her dedication, strong work ethic, and exceeding expectations.

A colleague in her building shared, "Beyond her outstanding work ethic, Deb is known for her friendly and approachable attitude—she is always courteous and helpful, greeting all with a positive attitude."

Deb takes immense pride in her work, ensuring that every detail is attended to with care. Her commitment to Farmington Public Schools is evident every day.



Board members appoint Ronald Recinto to fill open position on the Board of Education

On Thursday, June 12, the Board of Education held candidate interviews after receiving the applications from the candidates. The interviews can be viewed on the District's YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/fpstv10.

Originally, 16 individuals applied for the vacancy. Two did not meet the eligibility requirements, one applicant withdrew their application, and two were unable to attend the interviews.

The following are those who participated in the interviews: Sara Huvaere, Clark Doughty, James Nolan Munce, William Lubaway, Wynter Wyrick-Fahoom, John Farris, Kevin J. Hammer, Gwendolyn Brantley, Brytani Wright, Amber Richmond, and Ronald Recinto.

After discussion and deliberation at their June 17 Board of Education meeting, Ronald Recinto was selected to fill out the remainder of David Turner's term, which will end in December 2026.

Ronald has resided in the District for the past 19 years, and he and his wife have two children in the District. He earned his Master of Science degree in Reporting on Science and Medicine

from Boston University and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wabash College.

"The Board was thrilled to receive so many qualified applicants, each bringing a unique perspective and set of strengths that reflected a strong commitment to public education," stated Board of Education President Terri Weems. "After careful consideration, the Board appointed Ron Recinto to fill the vacancy because of his background in communications, leadership, and community engagement. He will be an asset to the District, and we look forward to his contributions in the months ahead."

Farmington Public Schools' Board of Education selects officers for the 2025/2026 school year

President – Terri Weems
Vice-President – Donald Walker, Jr.
Secretary – Cheryl Blau
Treasurer – Claudia Heinrich

Thomas Hull, Ron Recinto, and Angie Smith will serve as Board Trustees.

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Board of Education Meeting Dates

2025-26

August 12	December 16	April 21
September 9	January 6	May 5
September 30	January 20	May 19
October 14	February 10	June 2
October 28	February 24	June 16
November 18	March 10	(Organizational Meeting)
December 2	April 7	

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 streamed LIVE on the District's YouTube channel.

New Athletic Apps are available for download for families involved in our athletics and performing arts programs:

- Quick and easy access to athletic schedules
- Athlete rosters and team information
- Notifications for upcoming events and updates
- Centralized communication for past, current, and future activities



Farmington Public Schools is moving to Lakes Valley Conference for athletics & student leadership in two phases

Farmington Public Schools will be moving from the Oakland Activities Association (OAA) to the Lakes Valley Conference (LVC) in the coming years. This transition will take place in two phases:

- Middle schools will join the LVC for the 2025-2026 school year
- High schools joining in the 2026-2027 school year

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.



The 3rd Annual Authentic Learning Showcase highlighted the magic happening in Farmington Public Schools' classrooms

More than 70 educators took time at the Authentic Learning Showcase to share their stories on how they have transformed their work with students.

Margaret Hendrickson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, shared, "Teachers are expressing their joy around this work and how it is creating an increased energy in the classroom."

The Authentic Learning Showcase provided educators and our community a place to come and hear teachers' stories of

continued professional learning. In addition, it is an opportunity to see what learning is becoming in Farmington Public Schools.

Attendees included administrators, staff members, students, parents, Board of Education members, City Council members, FPS graduates, and families. Attendees were then asked to vote on their favorite examples in the following categories: Most Inspirational, Best Effort, Best Storytelling, Most Innovative, Most Transformational, Most Resilient, Best Spirit, Most Creative, Most Impactful, and Most Student Voice.



School leaders and teachers come together at InnoCon – a two-day workshop to explore new structures and models for school

More than 60 educators and leaders came together after the end of the school year for a two-day series of design sprints and school-based planning sessions that will help schools build a case for change, explore new structures and models, and share their personalized implementation plans aligned to the District's Vision, Mission, and the Profile of a Lifelong Learner.

"It has been exciting to see administrators and teachers, side-by-side, exploring what could be next for their schools and the District as a whole," stated Margaret Hendrickson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.



Wendy Marshick and Kate Donnelly-Harris named the 2025 Judy White-Ora “Teaching with Heart and Soul” award winners

Diane Bauman, Director of School/Community Relations & Pupil Accounting, along with North Farmington High School (NFHS) staff, and friends and family, surprised Wendy Marshick with the Judy White-Ora “Teaching with Heart and Soul” award. The next day, a surprise visit was made to Kate Donnelly-Harris’s class with the Gill principal, staff, and Kate’s family to make the award presentation to Kate.

Wendy Marshick, North Farmington High School

Wendy currently works at North Farmington High School teaching special education. She is dedicated to her students and to making North a place that is accepting to all. Her bond with her students is so strong that they continue to reach out to her even years after they have left the school system.

Wendy spends hours working with her kids to make sure that they are not only achieving at their highest potential, but that they feel safe and comfortable in school. She understands that students without connection will struggle with learning so connections to students is her priority.

Wendy is there for all students, not just the ones that she works directly with, but all students. Her room is a safe place for help, for comfort, and for a place to belong. She goes out of her way to make sure that students are seen and respected for who they are. She recognizes that teaching is more than math problems. It’s making sure that everyone is welcome, safe, and loved when they step into her school.



Kate Donnelly-Harris, Gill Elementary School

Kate is a teacher at Gill Elementary School with numerous years of teaching experience. She teaches the curriculum while also teaching her students to be compassionate community members and successful problem solvers.

She is responsible for creating the “Kindness Club” with the “Kindness Kids.” This year, they won the State Keep Michigan Beautiful award for spreading kindness to others. One parent stated, “She loves each student and their family as if they were her own. Kate inspires her students to think outside of the box when it comes to putting others first and showing them kindness.”

Kate works with what her students excel at and enjoys and helps them to use things they enjoy to work through the things that they don’t enjoy. She maintains a teacher/student relationship but adds a level of mothering; the students are drawn to her and respect her greatly.



She ignites the joy of learning in her students by being passionate about learning herself. She always gives her best effort, tries new things, and talks about the joy of doing those things with her students.

The “Teaching with Heart and Soul” Award

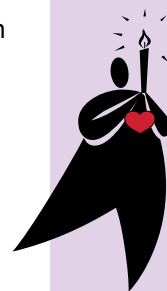
was created in honor of a former Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Judy White-Ora, who passed away in 2006. Judy believed in investing in other people and relationships.

During her years in education, she developed a pledge for teachers. Following her death, members of the Farmington Public Schools’ community wanted to make sure the torch that Judy lit was passed onto the new generation of teachers, thus creating the “Teaching with Heart and Soul Award” for teachers that lead their lives by the words of the pledge.

The pledge reads as follows:

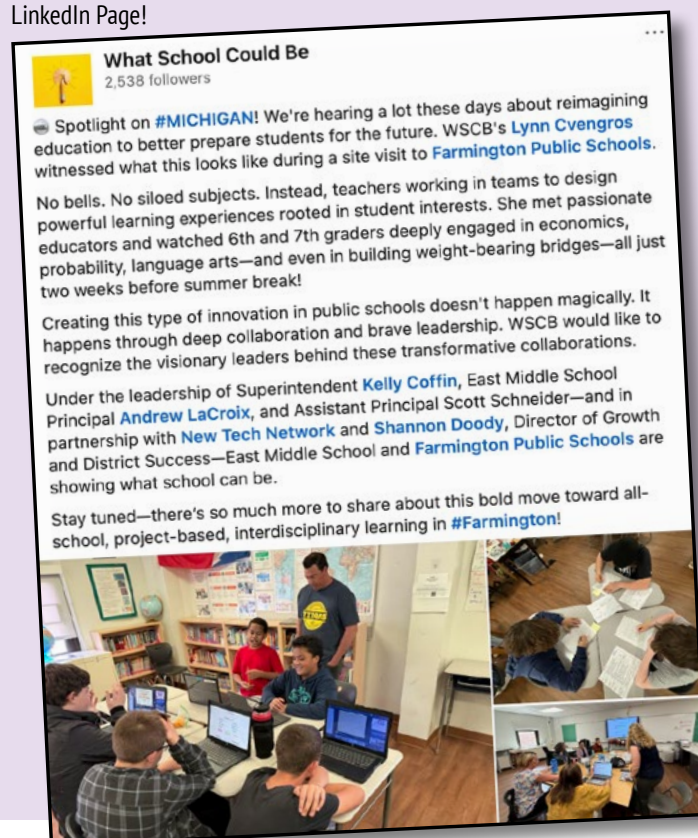
Today I will:

- ☒ Respect the uniqueness of each child
- ☒ Ignite the joy of learning
- ☒ Listen to their voices
- ☒ Put human connections first
- ☒ Encourage the spirit and let their light shine
- ☒ Create a caring learning community



“What School Could Be” Spotlights East

What School Could Be is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a robust collection of resources for educators interested in innovative practices and placing students at the center of their learning. They recently paid a visit to East Middle School and gave a shout out to them on their LinkedIn Page!



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Students complete all six of their core academic credits before lunch using a unique co-teaching model that combines two subjects into a single, dynamic class.

Here's how it works:

- Earn one full credit in just one hour
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- Small class sizes and hands-on learning make the experience more engaging and collaborative

The result: Deeper understanding, faster progress, and a schedule that frees up your afternoon.

Own the Afternoon

Explore, Expand, Excel

After lunch, students choose from a range of flexible, interest-based options:

- **OSTC (Oakland Schools Technical Campus)** – Hands-on training for skilled trades and in-demand careers
- **Dual Enrollment** – Earn college credit while still in high school
- **Credit Recovery** – Catch up and stay on track to graduate
- **Internships & Work-Based Learning** – Gain real-world experience and build your résumé
- **Return to Your Home High School** – Take electives, join clubs, or participate in sports
- **SEL (Social & Emotional Learning)** – Courses that support personal growth and well-being

Why It Works



Align your schedule with your college or career goals



Balance academic learning with real-world experiences



Learn at your pace, in a way that fits your life



Get support every step of the way





Congratulations
to our 2025 Retirees

Retiree Name	Assignment	Building	Years of FPS Service
Kimberly Adams	Teacher/Math	Farmington High School	26
Jennifer Bellore	Teacher/Biology	North Farmington High School	28
Alissa Bingham	Teacher/Resource Room	Farmington Central High School	6
Colleen Brinker	Teacher/5th Grade	Longacre Elementary School	31
Jeanne Butman	Office Clerk	Farmington STEAM Academy	11
Debra Calanchi	Teacher/Math	East Middle School	30
Sydney Campbell	Teacher/Music & Theater	Warner Middle School	22
Renee Comstock	Media Aide	North Farmington High School	30
Rosalind Currie	Paraprofessional	North Farmington High School	4
Jeff Danziger	HR Director	Administration Building	25
Jennifer Deledda	Teacher/ELA	Farmington High School	25
Kathleen Donnelly-Harris	Teacher/4th Grade	Gill Elementary School	26
Jeri Dorr	Teacher/ELA	Farmington High School	12
Kelley Emmett	Teacher/Special Education	Farmington High School	26
Thomas Evasic	Teacher/Math	Farmington High School	34
Katerina Gadjev-Drouin	Teacher/ELA	Farmington High School	27
Tracy Goodlesky	Teacher/1st Grade	Longacre Elementary School	28
Denise Gundle-White	Teacher/2nd/3rd Grade	Farmington Online	34
Susan Stacie Hensley	ECSE Paraprofessional	Farmington Early Childhood Center	13
Jacqueline Hurst	GSRP Paraprofessional	Farmington Early Childhood Center	3
Susan Kim	Teacher/Math	Power Middle School	25
Kathleen Klenczar	Teacher/ELA	Warner Middle School	22.5
Todd Losie	Social Worker	Power Middle School	3
Tracy Mastenbrook	Teacher	Power Middle School	29
Kevin Miesner	Teacher/Science	Farmington High School	30
Cynda Nelson	Secretary, Business	Administration Building	24
Lori Morgan Boor	Counselor	North Farmington High School	2
Katherine Olenczuk	Literacy Coach Coordinator	Administration Building	26
Lydia Orr	Teacher	Power Middle School	30
Beena Paul	Paraprofessional Bilingual	Farmington STEAM Academy	10
James Pearse	Assistant Director of Facilities	Facilities	46
Joseph Peltier	High School Utility	North Farmington High School	42
Kristina Pittman	Teacher/ELA	North Farmington High School	25
Ronald Reed	Teacher/Science	North Farmington High School	26
Geralyn Schade	Teacher/Resource Room	Gill Elementary School	22
Jane Solar	Paraprofessional SXI	Farmington High School	37
Michael Steele	Teacher/Instrumental Music	Farmington High School	24
Christina Suliman	Principal	Gill Elementary School	31
Doreen Swift	Teacher/5th Grade	Longacre Elementary School	29
Lori Vidler	Teacher/Kindergarten	Longacre Elementary School	35
Ninoska Wiltse	ELL Curriculum & Program Coordinator	Maxfield Education Center	27
Tamara Wright	Teacher/4th Grade	Kenbrook Elementary School	25
Lijuan Wang	Kitchen Helper	North Farmington High School	24
Mary Zuby	Paraprofessional SXI	Farmington High School	20

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Our MISSION:

Farmington Online's mission is to engage students and families in flexible and innovative educational opportunities, where students learn in non-traditional environments through live and virtual online instruction, as part of their unique path to academic success.



Lois joins the staff at Kenbrook
Elementary School

Lois is our newest Farmington's Education and Therapy Canine Helper (FETCH) dog. She is working out of Kenbrook Elementary School. She joins Sunny at Warner Middle School and Koda at Forest Elementary School. We look forward to expanding our pack in the coming school year.

More information can be found on the District's website about the program: www.farmington.k12.mi.us.



Congratulations

Rhonda Henry selected as new Assistant Superintendent of Innovation & Strategic Initiatives



Rhonda Henry, who was the principal at Longacre Elementary School for the past 10 years, was selected as the next Assistant Superintendent of Innovation & Strategic Initiatives. This position was held by Dr. Kelly M. Coffin before she became the Superintendent.

Before becoming the principal, she worked as the District's Student Assistance Program Coordinator since 2008. Prior to joining FPS, Rhonda was an Assistant Principal at Romulus Middle School and a school social worker at Romulus High School.

Henry has her Master's in Educational Leadership from Madonna University and her Master's in Social Work and her Bachelor's of Arts, Psychology from the University of Michigan.

"I am deeply grateful for the experiences I have had over the past 17 years, working alongside Longacre's dedicated staff, extraordinary students, and incredibly supportive families," stated Henry. "I look forward to collaborating with staff, students, and community members across the district. Together, we will cultivate a culture of equity and innovation that empowers both staff and students, enhancing the teaching and learning experience for all."

"We are thrilled to have Rhonda Henry serve as our new Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives," stated Superintendent Dr. Kelly Coffin. "Her leadership has been exemplary in the District and we know that she will bring her expertise and energy to help move the District forward on a broader scale."

New Principals

Jennifer and Laura were chosen after a series of extensive interviews from a competitive pool of applicants. They will begin their new roles on July 1, 2025.

Jennifer DiBella Longacre Elementary School



Jennifer replaces Rhonda Henry, who earlier this year was promoted to be the District's Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives.

Jennifer has been teaching second grade at Longacre Elementary School since 2018. She has also worked at Highmeadow Common Campus, Warner Middle School, and served as an Instructional Coach and Equity Lead in the District. From 2018-2021, she also served as the FPS Summer Read Supervisor.

Jennifer received her Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Michigan State University and her Master's in Curriculum, Instruction, and Leadership from Oakland University. She also has her Michigan Professional Certificate in Grades K-5 all subjects, and Grades K-8 Social Studies.

"I feel very fortunate to have served the greater community of Farmington Public Schools throughout my career," stated Jennifer. "Accepting the Principalship of Longacre Elementary School is a true privilege, and I look forward to upholding our mission of 'Everyone Learning, Everyone Leading' each and every day."

Laura Koralewski Gill Elementary School



Laura started her career with Farmington Public Schools as a first grade teacher at Wooddale Elementary School in 2008. She has worked at Wood Creek

Elementary School, Lanigan Elementary School, and Gill Elementary School where she has been the Tiered Support Teacher Lead since 2024. Since 2022, she has also served as the Incoming Kindergarten Camp Supervisor/Coordinator.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Michigan State University, her Early Childhood Education Endorsement from Madonna University, her Master of Arts in Instructional Technology and E-Learning from Saginaw Valley State University, and her K-12 Administrator Certificate from the MASSP's Path to Leadership.

"It is an honor and a privilege to continue serving the incredible staff, students, and families of Gill Elementary in this new role," stated Laura. "Gill is truly a special place; a welcoming community where relationships are nurtured, learning is celebrated, and every child is seen and valued. Gill is the place to be!"

Crystal Etheridge joins administration team at Farmington High School



Farmington Public Schools is pleased to announce that the current Assistant Principal at Lanigan Elementary School, Crystal Etheridge, will be joining the Farmington High School (FHS) administration team for the 2025-2026 school year as Assistant Principal. Crystal has been a Farmington Public Schools' employee

since 2016 and for the past four years, she has been an assistant principal at Lanigan.

Crystal earned her Bachelors of Arts in Sociology - Administration of Justice from Howard University, her Masters of Teaching in Elementary Education from Wayne State University, and her Education Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Michigan.

"Crystal brings with her a wealth of knowledge in Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) that will benefit our FHS students and staff for years to come," said FHS Principal Chris Meussner. "We are

confident that this transition will positively impact our FHS school community and contribute to a safe and supportive learning environment for all students."

"I'm deeply grateful for the past nine years at Lanigan Elementary—it's been an honor to work with such amazing students, families, and passionate educators," stated Crystal. "I look forward to joining Farmington High School and becoming a part of the school community—where every day is a chance to make a difference in the lives of students, challenges become growth, and every hallway leads to new possibilities."

Awards & Achievements

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

Forest Elementary School, Longacre Elementary School, and Farmington High School to receive funding to support team-based teaching models

After undergoing an extensive review process, **Forest Elementary School, Longacre Elementary School, and Farmington High School** have been approved for funding from the Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative (MEWI) grants to support launching team-based teaching models this fall in partnership with Arizona State University's Next Education Workforce. Next Education Workforce strategic school staffing models empower educators to work in teams to deliver better outcomes and experiences.

Team-based teaching is a transformative approach that brings together groups of educators to share responsibility for the success of a common roster of students. This model enhances student learning by

providing more personalized instruction, deeper relationships, and access to educators with varied expertise. For teachers, it promotes collaboration, professional growth, and shared leadership, which strengthens teacher practice and builds stronger school communities.

"This grant supports our District's continued commitment to innovation and equity in education," stated Rhonda Henry, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives. "Through team-based staffing models, we're ensuring that every student has access to high-quality, personalized instruction, while providing our teachers with more opportunities to collaborate and enhance their practice."

One of Farmington Public Schools' outstanding special needs bus drivers, **Paula Mullan**, was nominated by her peers in Transportation for the Oakland County Excellence in Transportation Award for the 2024-2025 school year. She was recently honored at a special Oakland Schools' event – A Night Honoring Excellence in Transportation – for receiving this award.

Paula goes above and beyond the expectations of her role, demonstrating exceptional dedication not only in transporting our special needs students safely and compassionately, but also through her ongoing involvement and support within the community.



North Farmington High School's (NFHS) Concert Choir and Madrigal Choir earned "Excellent" (I) ratings at the MSVMA District Choral Festival.

WXYZ-TV Channel 7 ran a wonderful spotlight that highlighted our very own **Visions Unlimited**, our Adult Transition program serving adults ages 18-26 who have physical and/or developmental disabilities and students on the autism spectrum. The Visions' staff is dedicated to ensuring the each student reaches their potential as a contributing citizen, productive worker, and community participant. This spotlight shares a story of how Visions Unlimited students work with local businesses: www.wxyz.com/news/voices/program-helps-young-adults-with-disabilities-gain-independence-through-job-training-partnerships.

North Farmington High School's (NFHS) Concert Orchestra and Philharmonia received "Outstanding" (II) and the Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Band earned "Superior" (I) ratings at the MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival.

Lisa Boyce, FPS Assistant Supervisor of Custodial Services, has earned her Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Facility Director Certification. This certification is a significant milestone in her professional development and reflects her dedication to excellence in facilities management within Farmington Public Schools.

The District's Special Education Transition Consultant, **Lea VanAmberg**, was recently selected to receive the Educational Service Award from The Arc of Oakland County. This award is given to specialized instructional support staff who advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in schools.



Three Farmington Public Schools' students were honored at the 2025 CTE Award Ceremony at Oakland Schools. These students were selected by their CTE teachers as being the Outstanding CTE Student of the Year.

This 2025 CTE Students of the Year:
Destiny Powell (FCHS) – Finance
Kinsey Whitfield (NFHS) – Health Science
Ariana Wolfe (FHS) – Health Science

The Farmington Public Schools' School and Community Relations Department received two communication awards from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) through their 2025 Publication and Digital Media Excellence Awards.

Diane Bauman, Director of School/Community Relations and Pupil Accounting, and **Julie Langdon**, Communications Specialist, received recognition for the following:

- Award of Merit – Schools of Choice Marketing Campaign
- Honorable Mention – *UpDate* Newsletter

Three **North Farmington High School (NFHS)** students were nominated for the 2025 Sutton Foster Awards for their performances in the production of *Freaky Friday*.

Adyson Gedrich
Samantha Jones (not pictured)
Clifton Lockhart



Clifton Lockhart (left) and Adyson Gedrich (right), pictured with their teacher, Matthew Greenberg (center)

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimists recognized student leadership, asking the high schools to select a junior leader from their schools. The leader is then given \$250 to do good in the world and are invited back to the next year's breakfast to share what they used their money for.

This year's student leadership winners are:

Eryn English – Farmington Central High School
Safiatou Jallow – Farmington High School
Peyton Robinson – Mercy High School
Leah Siskosky – North Farmington High School

At the MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival, 23 **North Farmington High School's (NFHS)** students participated, and 15 received a top "Superior" (I) rating. Several students were honored with Outstanding Soloist or Ensemble nominations:

Outstanding Ensembles:

Bass Duet: **Lila Tasdemir** and **Robbie Mainero**
 Woodwind Quintet: **Kayla Hieb**, **Jade Pham**, **Sereno Mileto**, **Vanessa Kantor**, and **Victor Yen**

Outstanding Soloists:

Matthias Trouve (French Horn)
Amber Hieb (Trumpet)

Matthias Trouve was selected to perform with the elite Brass Chamber Ensemble.

The Farmington Public Schools' Rise & Thrive Awards program recognized students in grades 7-12 who have demonstrated significant growth in their lives. Factors that were considered included grades, behavior, community service, involvement in school activities, and individual personal growth in areas such as communication, organization, problem-solving, self-confidence, adaptability, integrity, work ethic, perseverance, and resilience.

2024/25 Rise & Thrive Awards Winners:

Farmington Online

Alon Jordan, 12th Grade

East Middle School

Marwan Abdel-Halim, 8th Grade
 Khiwan Edwards, 8th Grade
 Jasmyn Walker-Harris, 8th Grade
 Andrew Wyber, 8th Grade

Power Middle School

Alex Hernandez, 7th Grade
 Ben Sims, 8th Grade
 Raejane Williams, 7th Grade
 Brett Young, 7th Grade

Warner Middle School

Mylyn Carter, 8th Grade
 Ahmad Dewberry Jr., 7th Grade
 Sean Godek, 8th Grade
 Catrina Yono, 7th Grade

Farmington STEAM Academy

Taylor Sgriccia-Frost, 8th Grade
 Nicholas Waitz, 8th Grade

Farmington Central High School

Isabella Canfield, 11th Grade
 Jamari Todd, 12th Grade

Farmington High School

Morgan Dietz, 12th Grade
 Kenna Farmer, 12th Grade
 Khalel Payton, 12th Grade
 Ariana Vargas Hernandez, 11th Grade

North Farmington High School

Demira Dixon, 9th Grade
 Savannah Greene, 10th Grade
 Jaden Hollins, 12th Grade
 Selena Yono, 12th Grade

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners presented the Farmington High Esports team a Proclamation honoring the team for winning the Spring State Championship for Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, after competing with the top 64 high school varsity teams in the State of Michigan.



Seniors **Jason Kazensky** (left) and **Madison Doctor** (right) accepted the proclamation. Team mates **Delano Marinelli** and **Sean Campbell** were unable to attend.

Awards & Achievements

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

Farmington Public Schools (FPS) recently hosted the 31st Annual FPS Awards of Excellence Breakfast. Twenty-three middle and high school students were honored across the District. The students are selected based on a set of criteria including academic excellence, good citizenship, and extracurricular school involvement.

Students then selected a staff member that had made a difference in their lives.

2024/25 FPS Awards of Excellence Winners:

Farmington Online

Meliha Demir, 10th Grade

East Middle School

Ronald Dickerson, 8th Grade
Kevin (Marshal) Joe, 8th Grade
Tevy Kahakani, 8th Grade

Power Middle School

Mason Eastman, 8th Grade
Kushi Kanumuri, 8th Grade
Colton Whitmire, 8th Grade

Warner Middle School

Chloe Beeler, 8th Grade
Isaac Kantor, 8th Grade
Nancy Mogaka, 8th Grade

Farmington STEAM Academy

Saanvi Ankill, 8th Grade
Ann O'Reilly, 8th Grade
Carsyn Sanders, 8th Grade

Farmington Central High School

Amaria Morris, 12th Grade
Victoria Stoja, 12th Grade

Farmington High School

Mariam Dukhan, 10th Grade
Makenzi Funderburg, 11th Grade
Jadan Kuderka, 9th Grade
Daniel Vukaj, 12th Grade

North Farmington High School

Mallory Dilluvio, 10th Grade
Vanessa Kantor, 12th Grade
Leah Siskosky, 11th Grade
Stone Trevino, 9th Grade

2024/25 Honored Staff:

Kenbrook Elementary School

Loretta Cazares-Hines

East Middle School

Debra Calanchi
Christine Michuta
Caitlin Mihalko-Guarr

Power Middle School

Ryan Baker
Alexandra Borseth
James Common

Warner Middle School

Thomas DeMoss
Elena Winberry

Farmington STEAM Academy

Rachel Cloft
Kari Richmond

Farmington Central High School

Suzanne Alousi
Terri Haas

Farmington High School

Kimberly Adams
Jason Albrecht
Jaimie Gibbons
Kathryn Gustafson
Lori Schamp

North Farmington High School

Matthew Greenberg
Jonathan Herstein
Erika Rust
Kimberly Sharplin

Farmington STEAM Academy (FSA)

hosted a Courtyard Celebration to honor business partners and mentors who helped them to re-imagine the Farmington STEAM Academy Courtyard over the years since 2017.

These partnerships are integral to the success of the school and reflect several areas of our Profile of a Lifelong Learner, such as Compassionate Community Member, Resilient Problem Solver, and Empowered Collaborator.



As a seventh grade **East Middle School** student, **Patrick Ibeziako** organized his first Food Truck Rally for his fellow students as part of a project he did for his seventh grade math class under the direction of his teacher **Deb Calanchi**. As part of the class, students were learning how to use data to make improvements in the cafeteria. Patrick was interested in how to provide more variety in the food selections.

While he is now an eighth grader, he wanted to continue to hold a Food Truck Rally this year and make it even better! He met with East staff, surveyed students, created signs for the event, and shared info on the daily announcements.



Patrick Ibeziako (right) and Deb Calanchi (left) are pictured here at the Food Truck Rally.



Dr. Lydia Moore, Executive

Director of Special Education, received the Gwisdalla Special Education Administrator Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership, dedication, and significant contributions to special education in Oakland County. The honor is given out annually by the Special Education Administrators of Oakland County (SEAO).



Hillside Elementary School has earned the designation of being a Leader in Me Lighthouse School. In order to become a Lighthouse School, schools use a Lighthouse Rubric to measure outcomes in three areas: teaching leadership principles, creating a leadership culture, and aligning academic systems. Lighthouse certification comes as a result of implementing Leader in Me with fidelity.



Deb Amos, Assistant Principal (top left), Torrie Maas, Principal (top right), and a few Hillside Elementary students, pose with the Leader in Me banner that was presented to the school.

Longacre Elementary School, second school in Michigan and 27th in the world, to receive Leader in Me Legacy Award

Longacre Elementary School received their Leader In Me Legacy Banner to hang at their school. In April, they were notified that they received the distinct honor of receiving the 2025 Leader in Me Legacy Award from Franklin Covey Education. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and innovation demonstrated by the entire school community. There is only one other Legacy School in Michigan!!

The Legacy Award is the highest honor for Leader in Me schools. The award indicates that Longacre has demonstrated outstanding achievement in meeting the rigorous criteria required to earn this recognition. It means Longacre Elementary has built a strong, lasting leadership culture—where students, staff, families, and the whole community work together to help every person

grow and lead. Longacre's unwavering commitment to innovation and sustained growth in the areas of culture, leadership, academics, and student empowerment exemplifies what it means to leave a legacy.

"We've been building this legacy together since 2009," stated Rhonda Henry, former Longacre Elementary School principal and current FPS Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives. "This is a very special day and this award is something to be celebrated!"

Legacy Schools are recognized for:

- Keeping Lighthouse Certification for eight years or more
- Continuing to grow in leadership, culture, and academics every year
- Making a meaningful difference in the Leader in Me community and education community at large

This honor celebrates years of commitment, teamwork, and leadership. It's proof that Longacre Elementary is helping shape the future in a powerful way.



Kelly Coffin, Superintendent (second top left), Rhonda Henry (bottom right), and a few Longacre Elementary staff, pose with the Leader in Me Legacy banner that was presented to the school.

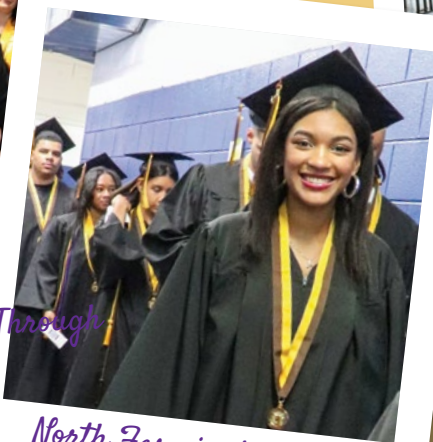
Congratulations

Class of

2025



Graduate Walk Through



North Farmington High School all lined up to walk into the arena



Farmington Central High School graduation smiles



Farmington High School graduation smiles



Congratulations from the Superintendent

Unified Special Olympics Field Day held for adapted physical education students

Adapted Physical Education (PE) teachers hosted a Unified Special Olympics Field Day for adapted PE students from across the District at FHS. The students enjoyed some good old fashioned games together. In turn, the PE students had the opportunity to buddy up and help supervise different stations. This day is always filled with lots of smiles and laughs! Thank you to all who contributed to this special day.



North Farmington High School Green Team creates mural to bring awareness to the detriment of plastic in the environment

The primary role of the North Farmington High School (NFHS) Green Team, which has been in existence since 2012, is the weekly after school recycling. The student group has also raised funds for the World Wildlife Foundation, and awareness regarding endangered animals, over the years.

The students are thrilled to share with you the new underwater Sea Turtle Mural that was recently hung in the NFHS Cafeteria.



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