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SUMMER 2025

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Dear Fennville Community,
I am excited and encouraged as we wrap up another year at Fennville Public Schools. As I end my 20th year at Fennville, I am looking forward to serving as the superintendent of Fennville. I have spent my entire educational career working in different roles throughout the district. One thing that I know is that Fennville is a wonderful school community that works tirelessly to make sure the students have what they need to succeed. The tremendous community support is heartwarming! I am honored to serve the school and community that I love!

The 2024-25 school year was yet another great year, filled with memorable experiences, academic achievements, and personal growth for students and staff alike. Students excelled in various extracurricular activities, from athletics to the arts, showcasing their talents and hard work. We celebrated our boys' soccer team's first district championship, watched cross country and track records broken, witnessed our state honor choir earning Division 1 ratings, and watched proudly as our student's gained acceptance to prestigious institutions like The University of Michigan, and saluted those moving on to serve our country in the military. These achievements are a testament to their dedication and the hard work of our students and staff at FPS.

In this issue of the Fennville Forward, we're excited to share the great strides being made at FPS and our commitment to future excellence. This edition specifically highlights the Class of 2025's successes, acknowledges our retiring staff, celebrates the dedication of our entire team, and showcases the exceptional spring programs at our schools. Additionally, on pages 10 and 11, you will find information about an August 5, 2025, vote to extend our current operating milage with a 0.5 mil tax decrease that would support some much-needed updates to our facilities and provide opportunities to enhance learning spaces for students.

Overall, the 2024-25 school year was not just about grades and accomplishments; it was about building relationships, overcoming challenges, and creating lasting memories that will be cherished for years to come. Looking ahead, the momentum gained this year paves the way for even greater success in the future.

It's a great day to be a Blackhawk!

Sincerely,
Albert Lombard

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Meeting Schedule
3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm
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The public is invited to attend all Board of Education meetings. All regular meetings are held in the Central Office Board Room located at 5 Memorial Drive, Fennville.
All Special Meetings and Work Sessions will be scheduled as necessary. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to participate in these meetings.



2025 Distinguished Alumni

Command Sergeant Major Leo H. Banaszak IV

Class of 2001

Fennville Public Schools DISTINGUISHED Alumni Program

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Leo H. Banaszak IV has built an extraordinary career in the United States Army, marked by unwavering dedication, exemplary leadership, and an unrelenting commitment to excellence. A distinguished soldier, he has earned widespread respect within the military and his hometown of Fennville.

Throughout his service, CSM Banaszak has demonstrated unparalleled bravery and professionalism. His courageous actions in combat earned him the Bronze Star, awarded for repeatedly risking his life to protect his unit. On one of his deployments his leadership was instrumental in the successful capture of 35 insurgents, a testament to his tactical expertise and steadfast commitment to mission success. In recognition of his exceptional bravery and commitment to service, he was also honored with the Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

CSM Banaszak has achieved the rank of Command Sergeant Major, which is the highest enlisted rank in the Army. His current role as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion 15th Field Artillery Regiment (2-15 FA) is a culmination of his last 24 years of dedication and leadership. This prestigious role is a testament to his ability to inspire, mentor, and lead with distinction.

CSM Banaszak served five years in combat deployments supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, demonstrating resilience and fortitude in the face of adversity. His military career has taken him across various duty stations, including Fort Campbell, Fort Polk, Fort Drum, Fort Irwin, Fort Bliss, University of Wisconsin, and Giessen, Germany.

Beyond his military achievements, CSM Banaszak pursued higher education with remarkable dedication. While balancing the rigorous demands of service, he earned an associate degree and a bachelor's degree from Northwestern State University, and a Master of Science in Management from Excelsior University. Additionally, he completed training at the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, further solidifying his expertise in military leadership and strategic operations.

CSM Leo Banaszak's journey reflects an unwavering commitment to service, education, and excellence. His ability to lead with strength, courage, integrity, empathy, and selflessness has earned him admiration and respect from his peers, superiors, and community. His story serves as an inspiration to soldiers, students, and citizens alike, demonstrating the power of perseverance, lifelong learning, and dedication to duty.



FHS Class of 2025

Jacqueline Alvarez Sandoval
Eduardo Arriola Estrada
Morgan Bailey
Greyson Bale
Emanuel Beach
Angus Beckett
Reid Bloom
Radley Bouma
Addyson Brown
Mary Carranza Correa
Jessica Ceja Morales
Anisa Chambers
Seth Ciokiewicz
Hayleigh Cook
Emma Criffield
Isaias DeLeon Ochoa
Karla Delgado Lopez
Ashley Diaz
Ava Ellis
Emmanuel Flores
Jacinto Fraire
Jacob Funckes
Sebastian Galvan
Armando Garcia
Ivan Garcia
Alayna Gard
Cadin George
Abigail Gonzalez
Elena Gonzalez
Gabriel Gonzalez
Jose Gonzalez
Eliva Guerra
Aubrie Hammer
Amaya Herrera
Dasaly Herrera
Conley Howard
Daniel Izaguirre
Zander Johnson
Brynn Knikelbine
Ariel Latchaw
Austin Letts
Daymen Logsdon
Paige Logsdon
Destiney Lopez
Junior Lopez-Victoria
Maggie Machado
Ana Mariano-Chavez
Talan Marquez
Anthony Martinez
Nayelee Martinez
Ami Martinez-Hernandez
Tiffany McElroy
Christina Mendoza-Canal
May-Ling Mendoza-Huynh
Cailey Mokma
Erick Morales
Connor Norwood
Ivan Pappenheimer
Jai Peoples
Jesireth Perales Echavarria
Eileen Perez Villanueva
Nadia Perez
Fabiola Pineda
Seth Prottengeier
Bryan Ramirez
Angel Ramos
Vivian Rasmussen
Zsi Zsi Rios
Christian Roa
Lila Rosema
Quinn Rosema
Samuel Salamanca
Rosa Salinas Munoz
Emmanuel Salinas-Bahena
Jose Sanchez
Sara Skinner
Jayden Smith
Christopher Solis-Salazar
Alexandra Solis-Sarat
Chelsea Stevens
Teviana To
Desirae Trull
Lennon Van Dine
Ean VanderScheer
Yazmin Vega Velazquez
Elizabeth VerSluys
Ashton Vogel
Makai Weimer
Ethan Williams
Josylin Zamora

FAHS Class of 2025

Diploma		GED
Kira Harris	Cory Alsip	Isabel Halliday
Blake Senters	Ivan Martinez	Courtney Amos
Tyee' Cadreau	Alex VanStaalduinen	Eithyn Benavidez
Kenton Dalman	Zoe Minaker	Noah Rasmussen
Brayden Smith	Winter Angeles	Edward Dailey
Moe Ramirez	Jack LeClaire	Leigha Jones

Early College Allegan County Class of 2025

Tyler Coffindaffer
Taylor Correa
Renato Recillas
Diana Garcia
Ramon Herrera
Madisynn Jefferson
Vanessa Villaneuva
Ariana Velazquez-Garcia
Merissa Mendoza
Julissa Sanchez

Class Flower

Tulip

Class Song

"Memories"
David Guetta

Class Color

Green

Class Motto

"One day at a time."



2025 Awards & Scholarship Recipients

Community Scholarships

Fennville Pullman Lakeshore Rotary: Aubrie Hammer
VFW Post 7911: Vivian Rasmussen, Jacqueline Alvarez Sandoval
Chuck Symons Memorial: Hayleigh Cook
Masonic Dutcher Lodge #193: Lila Rosema, Seth Ciokiewicz
Hustle & Harmony: Angus Beckett
Michigan Retired Teacher Personnel: Seth Ciokiewicz, Conley Howard
Class of 2008 Service: Christina Mendoza-Canal
Rio Bravo Ranch Almanza Family: Isaias Deleon Ochoa, Jeserith Perales Echavarria

Allegan County Community Foundation Scholarships

Saugatuck-Douglas Garden Club: Jesireth Perales Echavarria
Trevor & Marie Nichols: Zsi Zsi Rios
Helen F. Kitchen Memorial: Seth Ciokiewicz
Frederick "Laddie" Mesyar: Amaya Herrera
Bernard Jay Bortz Male Teacher Role Model: Seth Ciociekicz

$283,800 in Local Scholarships!

Fennville Educational Foundation Scholarships

Hutchins-Sayen: Cailey Mokma
Pete & Trevah Hartsuiker: Julissa Sanchez
Lancaster Memorial: Josylin Zamora
Woodby Family: Aubrie Hammer, Erick Morales
Robert & Luetta Crane Memorial: Josylin Zamora, Zsi Zsi Rios
American Legion: Morgan Bailey
West MI Blue Star Chamber of Commerce: Josylin Zamora
Alfred Pshea Memorial: Jacqueline Alvarez Sandoval
Ruth Pshea Memorial: Christina Mendoza-Canal
Bravo Community Christian Reformed Church: Isaias Deleon Ochoa
Bill & Rose Dalton Memorial: Fabiola Pineda
Donald & Mary Ann Moeller: Angus Beckett
Donald H & Thelma Dickinson: Addyson Brown
Leon & Josephine (Wade) Shepard: Amaya Herrera, Vivian Rasmussen, Ariel Latchaw, Jesireth Perales Echavarria, Erick Morales, Reid Bloom, Armando Garcia, Angel Ramos
Wolfgang Wade: Alexandra Solis-Sarat, Quinn Rosema
Mary H Wark: Seth Ciokiewicz, Conley Howard
Janice & Edward Hutchinson: Lila Rosema, Reid Bloom

Awards & Recognition

Wesley Leonard Athletic Award: Quinn Rosema, Lila Rosema
William A. Sexton Varsity Club Award: Armando Garcia, Quinn Rosema
SAC Scholar Athletes: Ava Ellis, Quinn Rosema, Lila Rosema
MIAAA Academic Achievement Award: Lila Rosema
Blackhawk Triple Threat: Lila Rosema, Ariel Latchaw, Christina Mendoza-Canal
MHSCA Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award: Lila Rosema, Ariel Latchaw, Christina Mendoza-Canal
Quiz Bowl Recognition: Reid Bloom, Seth Prottengeier, Sara Skinner, Jacob Funckes
Robotics Recognition: Angus Beckett, Radley Bouma, Ana Mariano-Chavez
Equestrian Team Recognition: Addyson Brown
DAR Good Citizenship Award: Alexandra Solis-Sarat
Outstanding Fine Art Award: Angel Ramos, Teviana To, Elizabeth Versluys
Outstanding Vocalists: Seth Ciokiewicz, Ava Ellis, Erick Morales, Eileen Perez
John Philllip Sousa Band Award: Anthony Martinez
Gilmore Band Award: Reid Bloom
Directors Band Award: Armando Garcia, Ana Mariano-Chavez
National School Marching Band Award: Desirae Trull
Louis Armstrong Band Award: Daymien Logsdon
Sempre Fidelis Band Award: Vivian Rasmussen
Versiti Blood Drive Recognition: Ava Ellis, Lila Rosema, Sara Skinner, Seth Ciokiewicz
Student Council: Lila Rosema, Seth Ciokiewicz, Ava Ellis
National Art Honor Society: Angel Ramos, Teviana To, Alexandra Solis-Sarat, Zsi Zsi Rios, Elizabeth Versluys, Elvia Guerra, Tiffany McElroy, May-Ling Mendoza-Huynh, Jacqueline Alvarez Sandoval
National Honor Society: Josylin Zamora, Reid Bloom, Ariel Latchaw, Addyson Brown, Seth Ciokiewicz, Ava Ellis, Amaya Herrera, Ana Mariano-Chavez, Erick Morales, Vivian Rasmussen, Lila Rosema, Quinn Rosema, Chelsea Stevens, Jacqueline Alvarez Sandoval, Aubrie Hammer, Conley Howard, Jesireth Perales Echavarria, Fabiola Pineda, Alexandra Solis-Sarat
TRiO Upward Bound: Ana Mariano-Chavez, Armando Garcia, Erick Morales, Daniel Izaguirre
Seal of Biliteracy: Jessica Ceja Morales, Josylin Zamora, Fabiola Pineda, Jesireth Perales Echavarria, Alexandra Solis-Sarat, Erick Morales, Yazmin Vega Velazquez, Armando Garcia, Emmanuel Flores, Elvia Guerra, Nadia Perez, Ana Mariano-Chavez, Ami Martinez-Hernandez, Mary Carranza Correa, Emmanuel Salinas-Bahena
Allegan Tech Center Awards: Morgan Bailey, Greyson Bale, Teviana To Mary Carranza Correa, Seth Ciokiewicz, Jacinto Fraire, Dasaly Herrera, Daymien Logsdon, Christina Mendoza-Canal, Nadia Perez, Fabiola Pineda
National Technical Honor Society: Vivian Rasmussen, Dasaly Herrera, Seth Ciokiewicz, Aubrie Hammer

Academic Honors

SAT Achievement Award (1200 or higher): Reid Bloom, Angus Beckett, Jesireth Perales Echavarria, Alexandra Solis-Sarat, May-Ling Mendoza-Huynh
Silver Cord (3.0 - 3.49 GPA): Alayna Gard, Jacqueline Alvarez Sandoval, Aubrie Hammer, Ana Mariano-Chavez, Erick Morales, Conley Howard, Cailey Mokma, Ami Martinez-Hernandez, Angus Beckett, May-Ling Mendoza-Huynh, Rosa Salinas Munoz, Karla Delgado Lopez, Armando Garcia, Anisa Chambers, Chelsea Stevens, Morgan Bailey, Christina Mendoza-Canal, Daymien Logsdon
Gold Cord & Honors Achievement (3.50 - 4.00+ GPA): Reid Bloom, Alexandra Solis-Sarat, Lila Rosema, Addyson Brown, Amaya Herrera, Quinn Rosema, Seth Ciokiewicz, Ava Ellis, Jesireth Perales Echavarria, Ariel Latchaw, Zsi Zsi Rios, Vivian Rasmussen, Dasaly Herrera, Josylin Zamora, Desirae Trull, Seth Prottengeier, Fabiola Pineda
SAC Principals Award: Alexandra Solis-Sarat, Jesireth Perales Echavarria, Quinn Rosema



We Rock The Spectrum



FES Level 2 Special Education class, led by the wonderful Mrs. Martinez, had an unforgettable field trip to We Rock the Spectrum! The students were full of energy and excitement as they explored all the fun, inclusive play equipment. From the zip line and sensory swings to the climbing walls and play structures, every moment was filled with smiles, laughter, and joy. It was a fantastic opportunity for the kids to move, play, and build friendships in a safe and supportive environment. We're so grateful for this amazing experience!

3rd Grade and Local Government



Our third graders took a walk to City Hall as part of their reading unit, "Government at Work", bringing the curriculum to life. They had the opportunity to meet city leaders, ask questions, and see firsthand how decisions are made in our community. One of the highlights of the visit was when students created their own declarations and had the chance to pound the gavel—just like real officials!

Thank you City of Fennville for your time, hospitality, and willingness to engage with our students, making this an unforgettable and meaningful learning experience!

Girls on the Run



We're thrilled to celebrate our incredible Girls on the Run team for completing their 5K run! These third, fourth and fifth grade students have shown dedication, perseverance, and heart throughout their training—and it all paid off at the finish line.

Thank you to our coaches, volunteers, and families for supporting these amazing girls on their journey. This program is about so much more than running—it's about building confidence, encouraging teamwork, and empowering our students to be their best selves!

Salmon in the Classroom



Our sixth graders who participated in the Salmon in the Classroom project with their science teacher, Mr. Overway, spent a day at the New Richmond Bridge Park to release the fish they have been raising. While there, students participated in learning the Salmon life cycle, Cartography of the area, Fishing, Water Quality Testing, nature hike, and scavenger hunts. Students even got to participate in learning some history and being able to turn the bridge themselves!

Michigan Career & Technical Institute



What a great trip—being hands-on with students at Michigan Career & Technical Institute's Open House and interacting with Fennville students was truly inspiring. Eyes were opened and hearts were eager to see, touch, and get a small taste of what life could be like after Fennville High School. MCTI provides individualized career development, education, training, and support services for individuals with disabilities preparing for and engaging in competitive integrated employment.

FHS Special Education teachers, Mrs. Halverson & Mrs. Beckett, took a mixed group of tenth through twelth graders and explored Plainwell, where students enjoyed each other's company during an outdoor picnic lunch, observed wildlife along the river, and even browsed and bought used books. Their packed lunches doubled as litter bags, thanks to a student-led effort to clean up trash along the river!

Early College Allegan County



Calvin Giles, Jesus Solis-Sarat, Adriana Hicks, and Maritza Rosas have been accepted into the Early College Allegan County (ECAC) program!

This is an incredible opportunity that allows these outstanding students to graduate high school with their associate degree from Lake Michigan College, for free!

Through the ECAC program, they will gain college-level experience, build a strong academic foundation, and graduate high school with a significant head start on their higher education and future careers.

State Choral Festival - Division 1 Rating



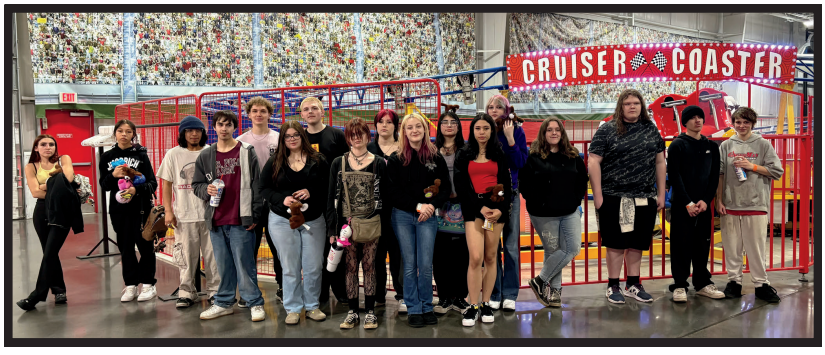
The Fennville Chamber Choir earned a Division 1 rating at the State Choral Festival, held at Hope College!

We were grateful to have many family members and friends present to support the choir during their performance.

The ensemble presented a diverse program, including a Bach cantata,
A La Nanita in Spanish arranged by Victor C. Johnson, and Omnia Sol by
Z. Randall Stroope. In Omnia Sol, Stroope blends English lyrics with Latin, creating a strikingly beautiful chorus.

An adjudicator from Alma College praised the choir and spent time refining subtle elements of their performance, which made a significant impact. Our eight seniors led with confidence and experience, helping guide the group to their well-deserved top rating.

FAHS Celebration



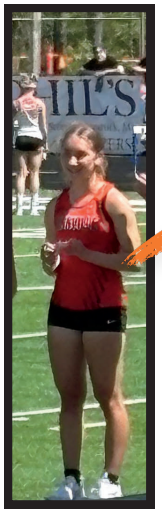
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Fennville Women's Club for their generous contribution in covering the cost for our Fennville Alternative High School graduates to attend this special end-of-year trip to Craig's Cruisers. Your kindness and dedication to our students are truly appreciated.

It is through thoughtful partnerships like yours that we are able to create lasting memories and celebrate the accomplishments of our students in meaningful ways.

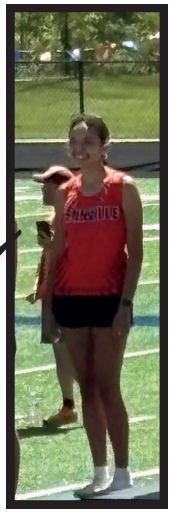
BLACKHAWK ATHLETICS

Track & Field New School Records

3200m - Isabelle Sliter - 11:53.51
Pole Vault - Sara Skinner - 9'



STATE qualifiers



1600m - Isabelle Sliter - 5:25.31
Pole Vault - Sara Skinner - 9'

Register Now for 2025-26 Sports!

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- Cross Country 6th - 12th Grade
- Football 7th - 12th Grade
- Soccer 7th - 12th Grade
- Volleyball 7th - 12th Grade
- Cheer 6th - 12th Grade
- Basketball 7th - 12th Grade
- Wrestling 6th - 12th Grade
- Baseball 7th - 12th Grade
- Softball 7th - 12th Grade
- Track & Field 6th - 12th Grade

Don't miss out on preseason opportunities!

Register Now for Fall Youth Rec Sports!

- Cheer 3rd - 5th Grade
- Flag Football K - 4th Grade
- Football 5th - 6th Grade
- Soccer U6 - 6th Grade

Scholarships Available!

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Stay up to date on programs, schedules, Community Athletic Center information and more!

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BLACKHAWK ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Blackhawk Open Golf Outing

July 12, 2025 Cheshire Hills Golf Course

Register your team and help support Fennville Athletics!

blackhawk-open.perfectgolfevent.com

FHS ELA teacher, Katie Burrows-Stone published in NCTE English Journal



Fennville High School English Language Arts teacher Katie Burrows-Stone is a distinguished educator and a National Board Certified teacher, holding the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education.

Her dedication to advancing literacy and classroom engagement is reflected in her contributions to educational research. She was part of an eight-person team of educator-researchers affiliated with the National Writing Project, collaborating on a five-year study that explored the role of digital discourse in the English classroom. This research culminated in the publication of Digital Discourse for What? Pursuing Deeper Purposes in English Classrooms in the National Council of English Teachers English Journal in November 2024. The team is now working on a book around the same subject matter to be published through the NCTE.

We congratulate Katie on this incredible achievement and are proud to have her as part of our staff! Her passion and commitment continue to inspire both her students and the broader field of English education.

2025 Outstanding People for Education



We are thrilled to celebrate Jaime Onken (FMS ESL Tacher), Julie Cossey (FES Secretary), David McEntyre (FAHS Teacher) as the 2025 recipients of the Outstanding People for Education Award! Please join us in congratulating these outstanding individuals on this well-deserved recognition!

This prestigious honor, sponsored by the Allegan County School Boards Association, recognizes individuals who excel in their roles and make significant impacts on the quality of education in Allegan County.

Julie, David, and Jaime exemplify the spirit of this award through their unwavering commitment, leadership, and positive influence within the educational community. Their contributions have not only enhanced the learning environment but have also left a lasting impact on students, colleagues, and the broader community.

Visit fennville.org/academics/op4e for more information and to view past winners.

Celebrating Our Fennville Retirees!

This year, we say a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to five incredible members of the Fennville Public Schools family who are retiring. Together, they've dedicated 123 years of service to our students and shaped countless lives. Enjoy your retirement, you've earned it!

Ryan Ondersma - FHS Social Studies Teacher - 25 Years

Deb Morse - FMS Secretary - 32 Years

Terri Deroo - FES Teacher - 27 Years

Mitch Overway - FMS Science Teacher - 11 Years

Rhonda Schlack - Transportation - 28 Years



GET THE FACTS: AUGUST 5 REFERENDUM OVERVIEW

New Foundation. Lasting Legacy.

Fennville Public Schools is proposing a net Zero Mill Increase bond referendum on August 5, 2025, to reinvest in our schools — improving air quality, safety, and learning environments for all students, without raising taxes.

ZERO $0 MILL net increase

Planned Improvements

Projects designed to lower energy costs, fix aging buildings, and improve daily learning for students

Elementary School

- Replace full Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system
- Replace roof
- Improve windows
- Replace water heater

High School

- Improve Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system
- Replace roof
- Renovate restrooms for ADA compliance
- Replace water heater
- Replace chiller
- Replace Band Room flooring

Athletic Center

- Replace boilers

Maintenance Facility

- Replace roof

Middle School

- Upgrade Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system
- Renovate restrooms for ADA compliance
- Update cafeteria with open layout and new finishes to create a more flexible, multi-purpose space
- Repair or replace exterior brickwork
- Replace exterior doors
- Replace windows with failed seals
- Replace water heater
- Replace chiller

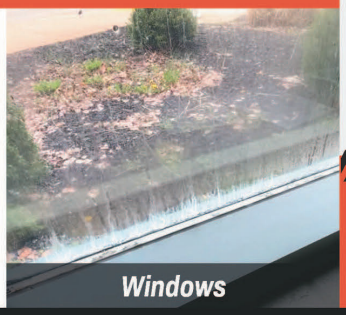
District-Wide

- Replace boilers
- Improve fire alarm and communication systems
- Upgrade classroom furniture district-wide to support group work, flexible seating, and modern learning
- Enhance outdoor learning environments
- Replace district-owned section of Memorial Drive

Major facility upgrades in each building with a $0 net tax increase!


Chillers


Exterior Brickwork


Windows

Did You Know?

$0 Tax Increase 0.5 Mills Less

If approved, the referendum would result in a **zero-mill net increase** on tax bills for residents of Fennville Public Schools.

.5 MILLS net reduction

Thanks to paying off the elementary school bond from 2006, the District has a unique opportunity to extend those payments and invest in additional district needs — without increasing current tax rates. In fact, most taxpayers will see **a net reduction of 0.5 mills**, all while addressing critical updates.



Aging Facilities, Ongoing Commitment

Despite strong upkeep, Fennville's schools are aging — the high school is **50 years old, the middle school 68**, and **the elementary nearly 20**. Key systems and materials like HVAC, roofing, and windows are outdated and no longer meet today's safety or efficiency standards.

Find more information on the website:
bit.ly/fps-ref25

Built on Community Input & Strategic Vision

Meeting district needs, inspired by community voice

This proposal was guided by a 14-member community task force that toured school buildings, reviewed facility needs and finances, and incorporated feedback from surveys and experts.

The result is a plan aligned with Fennville's Strategic Plan—focused on smart spending, student wellness, and better learning spaces.



Some of the dedicated volunteers from the Task Force

Outdoor Learning

Expanding Learning Beyond the Classroom



Fennville Public Schools takes great pride in its scenic campuses and thriving outdoor learning areas and is looking to expand these opportunities district-wide. Potential additions include outdoor shelters, gathering spaces, trail systems, and natural environments such as prairies, wetlands, and gardens. In collaboration with the ODC Network, these flexible spaces would support hands-on learning, environmental education, and student wellness for all ages, all year long. **Learn more! Visit bit.ly/fps-projects**

Voting Info

Make a Plan to Vote by Election Day



Election Day: Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Polling Place: Visit bit.ly/mi-polling

More Information: bit.ly/fps-vote

Learn More

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TOWN HALLS

WEDNESDAY
MAY 14, 2025
7:00-8:00 PM
High School Media Center

THURSDAY
JULY 24, 2025
7:00-8:00 PM
High School Media Center

Impact Framework

Budget Impact

- No increase to current tax rates. This bond is structured to maintain existing tax levels, while most residents will see a 0.5 mill decrease.
- Utilizes payments from debt that is being paid off for new improvements.
- Reduces everyday operating costs and future costly emergency repairs.
- Aligns with our Strategic Plan goals for financial stewardship.

Community Impact

- Protects our community's previous investments in school infrastructure.
- Helps maintain and attract families, support strong property values, and foster pride in our schools and community.
- Adds outdoor learning spaces designed for student use and occasional community benefit.
- Reinforces the District's commitment to transparency, community engagement, and partnership.

Student Impact

- Modern, comfortable spaces that foster collaboration and connection and help improve focus and performance.
- Upgrades like flexible furniture and improved cafeteria spaces support more student and staff collaboration.
- Strategic reinvestment reduces maintenance and frees up operational dollars for academics and student programming.
- Supports core plan goals of "Academics for All" and "Wellness for All."

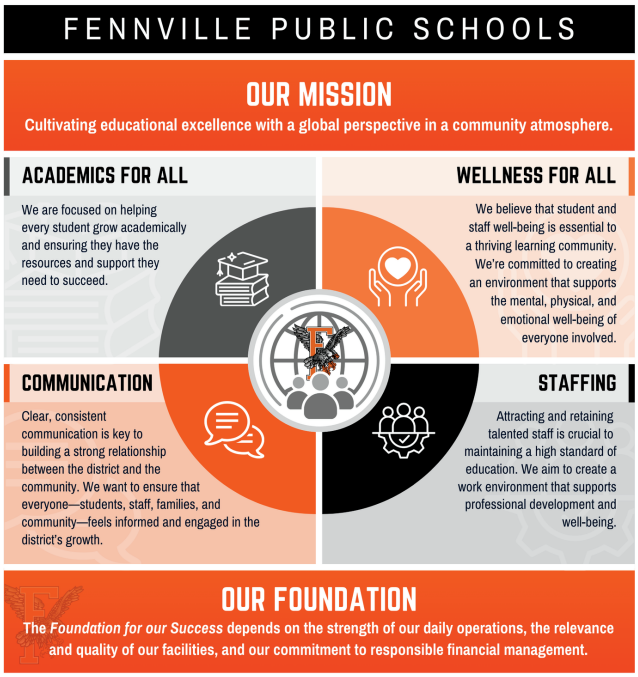
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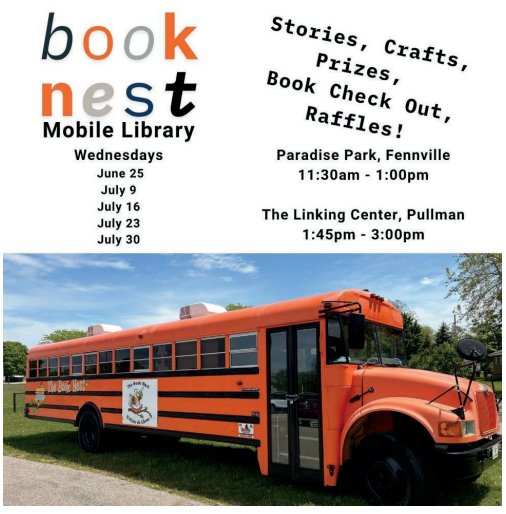
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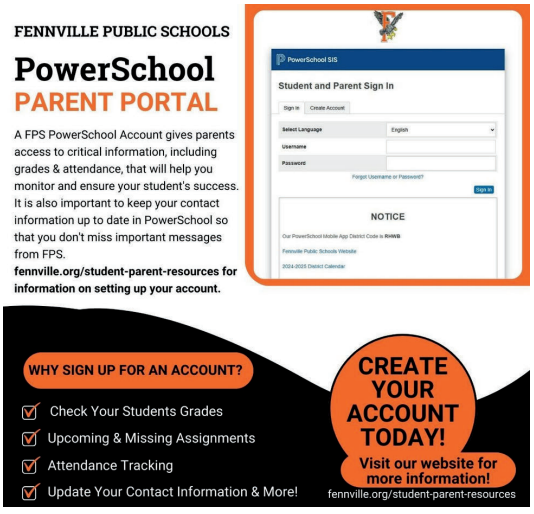
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