



North Fork Local School District Superintendent Weekly Community Update August 21, 2026

Superintendent's Message

Good morning, North Fork Team,

As we wrap up the first week of the 2026–2027 school year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the work you have done to make our opening a success.

The first week of school is always filled with excitement, energy, and a few challenges. It takes everyone working together to welcome students, establish routines, solve problems, and create an environment where every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn. I appreciate the professionalism, patience, and positive attitude you have demonstrated throughout the week.

Most importantly, our students are back where they belong—in our classrooms, learning and growing. The relationships you build with students each day are at the heart of what makes North Fork special. Your encouragement, high expectations, and willingness to go the extra mile make a difference in the lives of our students.

Scott Hartley
Superintendent

Reflection/Words to Live By

- “The most important day of a person’s education is the first day of school, not Graduation Day.”
– Harry Wong
- “Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow’s reality.” - Malala Yousafzai



Keep everything in perspective.

District Highlights

Stay focused on the North Fork Way: Support one another; Assume positive intentions; Solve problems together; Communicate professionally; Celebrate success.



Student Activities & Athletics

Great job, Marching Band and Flag Corps; all of the work you put in over the summer will pay off.

Staff Shout-Out

ALL OF OUR STAFF: What a great start of the school year! It would not have gone as smoothly without everyone's extra effort.

WELCOME - New staff members.

(Please send nominations of individuals or events to Mr. Hartley.)



Important Information

Please review the following items carefully:

1. "Seek to develop the whole person – mind, body, heart, and spirit. It starts with the belief that there is greatness in every student and every staff member."
 2. Communications Committee met on Monday and went over the roll-out of the web page, and discussed training on Parent Square. Homecoming was also talked about.
 3. Students are back in our buildings. Let's have a great new school year.
 4. Super job to our staff with the phase-in day for 6th and 9th graders. Great job to kindergarten staff. This helps to get those students comfortable for the start of the year.
 5. Great job to our **Transportation Department** on a smooth start to the year! Thank you, all!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 24	Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting	4:00 p.m.	Newton
Monday, August 24	Board of Education meeting	6:00 p.m.	UHS
Monday, September 7	No School - Holiday		
Monday, September 21	Board of Education meeting	6:00 p.m.	Newton
Wednesday, October 7	Village of Utica Homecoming Parade		

Strategic Plan Spotlight

This week's focus:

Pillar: 4 and 5

How this supports our work:

- Goals 4 and 5 will be presenting to the board on the 24th.
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Did You Know?

Little-known facts about the district, statistics, achievement, or interesting information:

Although commonly associated with **Licking County**, North Fork also serves portions of **Knox County**, making it one of the area's multi-county school districts.

Safety Minute

Reminders about school safety:

- Have a plan for your classroom in the event of lockdown.
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Closing Thought

Mind what we say because regardless of reality the perception is that it is true (good or bad).

*No matter what the question, the answer is **EDUCATION!!!***

Thank you for everything you do to support our students, families, and each other. Your dedication continues to make a positive difference every day.

Have a wonderful week!