



North Fork Local School District Superintendent's Weekly Community Update October 23, 2026

Superintendent's Message

Good morning, North Fork Team,

As we begin the second quarter, I want to thank you for your continued work and commitment to our students. The start of a new quarter provides an opportunity to reflect on our progress, identify areas for improvement, and strengthen our focus on student achievement.

As we look ahead to state testing and the remainder of the school year, it is important that we remain focused on high-quality instruction, alignment with academic standards, the use of student data to guide instruction, and timely interventions for students who need additional support. The work we do each day in our classrooms directly impacts student growth and long-term success.

Our goal is to help every student make meaningful academic progress. Thank you for your continued efforts and for keeping student learning at the center of every decision we make. Together, we can make the second quarter a productive step toward achieving our district goals.

Remember: We do what is best for our students.

Redskin Pride!

Scott Hartley
Superintendent

Reflection/Words to Live By

- *"Do not go where the path may lead, GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL." - Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- *"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." - Anatole France*



Keep everything in perspective.

District Highlights

Our staff continues to follow the fact that positivity takes no more effort than negativity. Choose to encourage, support, and celebrate the good happening throughout our district.



Student Activities & Athletics

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS:

LCL Champions

Staff Shout-Out

- To the members of Strategic Plan Goal 1: Excellent job working on putting plans together for the replacement of the middle school! Thank you for all your hard work - it is paying off.*



REMINDER: *If you have a shout-out, please send it to Mr. Hartley.*

Important Information

Please review the following items carefully:

- As we start to get closer to winter, we will be testing the ParentSquare Alert System to ensure we get information out.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 26	Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg.	4:00 p.m.	Utica Elementary
Tuesday, November 3	No School – Conference Day Offset		
Monday, November 9	Communications Committee Meeting	2:45 p.m.	Utica High School
Monday, November 16	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Utica Elementary
November 26 – 28	No School – Thanksgiving Break		
Thursday, December 17	Last School Day before Winter Break		
Friday, December 18	No School – Staff PD/Records Day		
Monday, January 4	Return from Break		

Strategic Plan Spotlight

This week's focus: Facilities

Pillar: Goal 1

How this supports our work:

- The board selected a master plan option to continue to work with the OFCC to address the middle school.
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Did You Know?

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

North Fork is actually larger in land area than several neighboring school districts, despite having fewer students than many suburban districts. This affects transportation costs, maintenance, and emergency planning.

Safety Minute

Reminders about school safety:

- Safety first: Are you continuing to stay focused on school safety?
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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!