From the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear FPS Family,

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year!

I hope everyone had a fun and restful summer. As we start a new school year, I want to share two exciting projects that we spent our summer working on. The first is the fantastic video that was created to showcase our amazing school family.

The second project is the zero mill bond proposal. In March of 2020, Ferndale Schools will be asking our community to approve a zero mill bond proposal. This means that the proposal, if approved, would result in the continuation of the current tax rate. A yes vote on this proposal would result in $125 million being raised over the next six years for the students of Ferndale Schools.

The Board of Education, Administration, and Ferndale Schools Bond Committee have several high priority projects for this bond. Our plan is to focus on three major areas: safety, sustainability, and reimagining the educational experience within our classrooms.

Those are our priorities, but what about yours? Please click the link to take the 2020 Bond Survey and let us know your thoughts.

Thank you for taking the time to lend your input to this vital process.

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools
**LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS OFFER SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

Calling all entrepreneurial high school seniors to enter our annual Treat Dreams Dessert Emporium Scholarship Contest! The contest is open to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders from any high school in the Greater Ferndale area. Applications are due by August 1st, and the winner will be awarded a $30,000 college scholarship. Students must write an essay of 250 words or less stating why they would like to participate in the program to [TREATDREAMSDE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TREATDREAMSDE@GMAIL.COM).

**UNION CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP NIGHT**

Tuesday October 1, 2019 starting at 6:00 and ending at 8:00 in the Commons of Ferndale High School.

Fernando 9-10 FHS parents, don’t miss this great event on Thursday, September 12th. Please write in the subject line: “Scholarship Program”. Two references will be required.

**UNION CONSTRUCTION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Are you a 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student looking for a "hands-on" career opportunity? The Ferndale Public Schools Local Unionized Construction will be sponsoring the local V oice of Democracy Scholarship Program. Students will join their team to help run their internship/ scholarship program. Students will be voted by the Treat Dreams management team. Entries must be submitted by October 31st. For more information call Bill Good at 248-586-8666 or Tom Maes at 248-586-8666 or visit their website at [FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG](http://FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG). We hope to see everyone there. Go Eagles!

**FERNDALE OPEN HOUSE AND SENIOR PARENT NIGHT**

FHS parents, don’t miss this great event on Thursday, September 12th. Please write in the subject line: “Scholarship Program”. Two references will be required.

**FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL SEEKING MORE MEMBERS**

The FHS Girls’ Cross Country team is looking for members! Practices will be held every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 at the high school. The season starts September 3rd. If you have questions about Apprenticeship Night, contact Tom Maes at 248-586-8666 or [TOM.MAES@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:TOM.MAES@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG). If you have questions about the Treat Dreams Dessert Emporium Scholarship Program, contact Bill Good at 248-586-8666 or [BILL.GOOD@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:BILL.GOOD@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG). For more information about the Unionized Construction Apprenticeship Night, call Fernando 9-10 at 248-756-6000.

**PAYING TO GO TO COLLEGE**

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1. MISTAR

Families can access the Parent Portal through MiStar at this URL:
MISTAR.OAKLAND.K12.MI.US/FERNDALE/PARENTPORTAL/
This will send you to Pay Schools, and prompts will guide you to the desired location.

2. FOOD SERVICE

If you need to add money to your student's account, you can follow these steps:
MISTAR.OAKLAND.K12.MI.US/FERNDALE/PARENTPORTAL/

3. NUTS-ALLERGIES

Piaget Education, the local school district, and FPS are nut-free, tree nut-free, and peanut-inclusive school environments.

4. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION AND MEDICATIONS

If your child has a severe medical condition or allergy that could potentially put them in harm's way, that's completely okay! We're here to support you.

5. COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

Our school districts have launched a new communication platform called “Q Communication.” This will allow for seamless school-to-family communication for everyone who carries an active school card.

6. ALUMNI PARTY

Families that qualify can receive free or reduced price meals. Families who were approved last year must fill out a new application form as soon as possible to continue assistance. Applications are available online at FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG/DISTRICT/GET-INVOLVED/ALLERGY/

7. FAMILY SERVICES

The library offers a variety of programs and services to families.

8. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Families can offer their time and talents to the school district in various ways.

9. MEDICATION HANDLING

We encourage anyone with special needs to contact the school immediately, and we will work closely with the school to ensure that your child is safe and comfortable.

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APPRENTICESHIP
NIGHT
FERNDALE SCHOOLS PRESENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2019
FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS, FAMILIES, & STAFF
STARTING
APPRENTICE
WAGE
$12/hyphen.case$15/slash.caseHR
VARIES BY TRADE
POST-APPRENTICE
WAGE
$28/hyphen.case$36/slash.caseHR
+ BENEFITS
APPRENTICESHIP
DURATION
2/hyphen.case5 YEARS
VARIES BY TRADE
FROM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
QUESTIONS?
TOM MAES AT (248) 586–8666 OR TOM.MAES@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG
JOB PLACEMENT + DEBT-FREE GRADUATION
FERNDALE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY'S
Ferndale Schools' Superintendent Dania Bazzi and Assistant Superintendent Dina Rocheleau will be here to provide a brief presentation on Michigan’s READ BY GRADE 3 law and to answer your questions.
KIDS 4 & UP WELCOME
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT FROM
GENOT PICOR, STORYTELLER
STORIES AT 5:30PM
PRESENTATION AT 6:15PM
WWW.FERNDALEPUBLIBRARY.ORG
Save The Date

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Elementary PAC/PTA Meeting
Ferndale Lower Elementary Gym/Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
FHS Picture Make-Up Day
Ferndale High School Main Conference Room
For students missing at registration.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
Early Release Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
6:00 PM
FUEL Curriculum Night
Ferndale Upper Elementary - Building Wide

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
FHS Drop-In Curriculum Night
Ferndale High School - Building Wide

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
FHS Senior Parent Night
Ferndale High School Auditorium

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
8:15 AM
Mobile Dentist
Ferndale Lower Elementary