



Fort Zumwalt News

So All Reach Their Potential

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A Note on Election Day

Thank you to those who have connected with Fort Zumwalt School District regarding texts and other campaign materials you have been receiving about election day. They are designed by an out-of-state group to appear as a message from Fort Zumwalt. They are not.

Please be aware those texts and other materials are not from the school district.

By law, the school district can only provide information on ballot matters. The district cannot advocate in favor of or stand in opposition to any item on the ballot. Information on the April 4 ballot is on our website (fz.k12.mo.us), as is each year. This year, that information includes the date of election day, the names of the candidates in the order they appear on the ballot, and biographical information the candidates chose to provide to the district. This information also appears each spring in the Fort Zumwalt News. Any other materials you receive regarding election day, printed or electronic, are not from Fort Zumwalt School District. Should you have any questions, please email media@fz.k12.mo.us.



FZS Cheer: STATE CHAMPS!

FZSD in state's top 5 percent

District scores 91.9 on state report card

Fort Zumwalt School District has taken time this month with administrators and staff to celebrate our achievements on the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's new Annual Performance Report. DESE's Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 6) has introduced a new way to measure school districts' progress across the state. Scores released this month for the 2021-2022 school year cannot be compared with prior-year scores because of the changes in the way school districts are now being measured. FZSD's 91.9 percent score on the Annual Performance Report (APR) is among the best in the state.

- Fort Zumwalt School District scored in the top 5 percent of all Missouri districts.
- Fort Zumwalt School District was Number 11 out of more than 500 school districts in total points earned.
- Fort Zumwalt School District was, by total points, the highest scoring large district in the state (more than 15,000 students).
- Fort Zumwalt earned 100 percent of the points possible in nine of the 15 sub-categories measured.

The Board of Education and district administrators know that the achievement and growth recognized by Fort Zumwalt's 2021-2022 APR is the fruit of much labor on the part of students, teachers and families, on the part of support staff and building administrators and on the part of a community that supports teaching and learning. Thank you to the Board of Education for your leadership and thank you to #FZCommunity for your continued support.

The Board of Education and district administrators also know that there is room to grow and excel. As a part of the state's MSIP 6, districts are required to research, write and implement their own Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP). A steering committee comprising a wide array of stakeholders has been working with a facilitator to research and prioritize Fort Zumwalt's needs for the future. Thank you to those who have participated in surveys and community forums, providing important data and feedback for the steering committee's work. You will be hearing much more about CSIP in the coming months, as the steering committee works to present its proposed plan to the Board of Education this summer.

From the Superintendent

Dear Patron,

This message is written to update you on current happenings in the Fort Zumwalt School District. First, let me point out that the \$125-million bond issue approved in April of last year has begun to be spent in earnest. A new safe room is being constructed at Pheasant Point Elementary School that will protect students and staff in any severe weather disturbances. At other times it will serve as an



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additional facility for student activities. The addition to the Mike Clemens Center for Adaptive Learning has recently been bid and will add another classroom wing to the facility, located on the campus with Westhoff Elementary School. The center serves grades K - 12 and the new wing will allow for students to be appropriately spaced by their age. Freise Construction of Moscow Mills won both contracts. We also have designs being completed for an addition at North Middle School and for an addition at North High School. Both of these schools are growing at a steady pace. Roofing and HVAC improvements are also planned for the summer.

Next I would point out that we have had many academic successes this school

year. In addition to individual recognitions, such as the nine students who were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists, the district scored a 91.9 on the state's Annual Performance Report. This is among the top 5 percent of districts in the state.

Finally, I can report that this will be my last message in the district's newsletter. Dr. Paul Myers will serve as Superintendent beginning July 1. He will be writing the message you will receive.

I can't express how thankful I am to have been associated with this school district. My three children all graduated from South High School and have all done quite well in their careers. I have known many outstanding individuals who have served as our teaching, support and administrative staff and I can't say enough about those relationships and what they have meant to me.

I would also be remiss if I didn't mention the Board of Education. I have worked for many different Boards of Education since 1985. We have always been of one mindset when it came to making good decisions for the students and staff of our district. I know Dr. Myers will do a great job as Superintendent and, if you all give him the same support I have had for the past 38 years, Fort Zumwalt will continue to be a premier school district in the state of Missouri.

Thank you for everything.