



**FSD145**  
Freeport School District

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the Kids!*

## **SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER**

### **JANUARY 24, 2025**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES PRESCHOOL EXPANSION**

**2025**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Families and FSD 145 Staff,

I am pleased to share that our Board of Education has approved the plan for preschool expansion in the upcoming school year. This decision represents a significant milestone in our district's commitment to early childhood education.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the board for their support, and to our dedicated teachers and staff who have demonstrated remarkable courage and understanding throughout this process. Their insight into the long-term benefits of returning to an early childhood model is commendable.

While substantial work remains to ensure a smooth transition for all impacted grade levels in elementary and middle schools, this expansion provides an extraordinary opportunity to realign our educational approach. We can now focus on implementing curriculum continuity across grades K-5 and 6-8, and an integrated K-8 IB school.

We recognize the complexity of this transition and commit to maintaining transparent, consistent communication with both our staff and families. As we progress through the four different implementation phases, we will provide clear guidance and comprehensive support to ensure the success of this initiative.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership in advancing our students' educational journey.

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***Preschool Expansion Cont'd***

**Some Important Benchmarks that need to be accomplished in Phase One:**

The Planning Phase (January 22-February 28)

1. Consolidate the work of departments at central office
2. School boundary design and review enrollment projections
3. Begin mapping out plan for materials inventory
4. Finalize summer school design
5. Collaborate with unions on staffing needs and allocation
6. School visits for staff
7. Parent information meetings
8. Facilities and School Admin building layout conversations
9. Assess budget needs
10. Superintendent collaboration with Specials (i.e. art, music) department heads and athletic directors + coaches to map out extra curricular activities for SY25

**THANK YOU!**

**THIS WEEK**

Just a note to say “THANK YOU” to our families this week. With a holiday, remote learning, District Institute and frigid temps we appreciate your cooperation, patience and support. You are appreciated!

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