



# SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

## NATIONAL YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MONTH

Dear Families and FSD 145 Staff,

One of the crucial data points that I will be presenting at Tuesday's State of the District is the increase of homeless students in our district from 4.8% in 2023 to 7.5% in 2024. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act includes youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This also includes students who are staying with friends or relatives due to economic hardship or in temporary living situations. Students without permanent housing have the right to enroll in school, even if we are not able to obtain any records. They have a right to receive transportation to and from their school of origin. Most of all, these students have a right to receive support for academic success.

Research from the University of Chicago tells us there is a significant relationship between educational attainment and homelessness, as homelessness is a risk factor for lower educational attainment. This makes the work of administrators, teachers and staff all the more important for our students who need and deserve all the wraparound services our district can provide. One of the services our district

provides is distributing gift cards to our McKinney Vento families for purchases of food, gas and personal items.

As the temperatures begin to drop and the spirit of the holiday season is upon us, I challenge us to support and uplift our most vulnerable students through the various means possible to bring them comfort and joy.

***STATE of the DISTRICT presentation at the board meeting on Tuesday, November 19 @ 6PM at the FMS Conference Room.***

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

**Together for Safe,  
Just & Equitable Schools**

**American Education Week** annually recognizes the diverse team of people who contribute to our nation's public schools, including bus drivers, classroom teachers, cafeteria staff, administrative staff and many others, along with the invaluable support of parents and guardians.

Next week, we will recognize our Education Community during American Education Week 2024.

## IL School Board Member Day - November 15



**Jack Sosnowski**  
President

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SERVICE !**



**Member**  
**Ryan Shirley**



**Member**  
**Alan Greene**



**Martha Furst**  
Vice President



**Member**  
**Charlene Williams**




**Member Audrey**  
**Moore-Howard**




**Member**  
**Kacey Seal**

**“Volunteers don’t get paid; not because they’re worthless,  
but because they’re priceless.”**

## STATE ATHLETES



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
JOHANNA RUDOLPH**  
**Johanna participated at the IHSA  
State Cross Country Meet!**  
We are Pretzel Proud of her for  
representing FHS & FSD in grand fashion!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
JADA VEER!**  
Jada has qualified for the IHSA  
State Swim Meet! She competes this  
weekend. We will be cheering her on with  
Pretzel Pride! GO JADA!



## E-LEARNING QUICK GUIDE

As we approach the winter season, we remind you that FSD has 5 E-Learning days to use during inclement weather. Please take a moment to review the updated copy of our Emergency E-Learning Parent & Student Quick Guide for guidance on what to do on remote learning days.



## THANKSGIVING BREAK

All FSD Schools & Offices will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Nov. 29th. We wish each of you a safe and Happy Holiday!

*Our next and only Newsletter for December will be on 12/13.*



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