



Cardinal Communication

2026-2027 FFLSD Electronic One-Stop

Did you know that our district has a one-stop location where you can find important information about the upcoming school year? The Felicity-Franklin Local School District Electronic One-Stop has important information about the 2026-2027 school year such as the first day of school, academic calendars, FinalForms, school lunches, Open House, student handbooks, arrival and dismissal procedures and supply lists. Please click on the link below to access this important information about the 2026-2027 school year.

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Congratulations, Felicity-Franklin Class of 2026!

The graduation exercises for the Felicity-Franklin Class of 2026 were held on May 24, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. The following text is from Dr. Smith's address on that day. "It is my privilege to recognize three graduates from the Class of 2026. Please come forward to be honored. Class Historian - Abigail Masterson, Class Salutatorian - Hailey Wendling, Class Valedictorian - Alex Bartolin. Seniors—today is your day....You made it...After years of early mornings, late assignments, and hearing "please put your phone away" more times than you can count... you're here. And honestly, we're proud of you—even the ones who discovered senior year, that being at school actually matters. And I also can't ignore the fact that this class will be remembered for a very specific "senior prank." Let's just say I didn't think I'd ever have to explain to my neighbors why a group of students showed up at my house... ready to turn my yard into a slip-and-slide water park. Creative? Absolutely. Expected? Not even close.

Memorable? Unfortunately for me... yes. But that's kind of what this class has been—creative, a little unpredictable, and definitely memorable. Beyond the laughs, though, what matters most is the growth I've watched in each of you. You've learned how to push through challenges, take responsibility, and stay above the line. That resilience will matter far more than anything you were tested on in a classroom. And don't forget where you came from. One of the greatest things about a small community like Felicity is that people notice when you grow. We've watched many of you mature into leaders, role models, and young adults ready for the next chapter. Please remember you will always have a home here at Felicity-Franklin. As you move forward, keep this in mind: work hard, treat people well, and be the kind of person others can rely on. Life is going to ask more of you than any school assignment ever did—but I know you're ready for it. Congratulations, Class of 2026!"

Community. Innovation. Excellence.

Financial Update May 2026

Felicity-Franklin Schools Local

FY26 February Final

	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030
Revenue:						
1.010 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)	\$1,772,201	\$1,804,508	\$1,838,277	\$1,818,727	\$1,819,553	\$1,908,879
1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property	\$210,812	\$493,994	\$369,498	\$352,657	\$338,721	\$324,744
1.030 - Income Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	\$7,510,334	\$7,350,168	\$7,490,496	\$7,297,577	\$7,100,169	\$6,916,918
1.040 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid	\$1,091,103	\$921,528	\$903,153	\$895,501	\$892,660	\$894,389
1.045 - Restricted Federal Grants-in-Aid - SPSF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1.050 - State Share of Local Property Taxes	\$268,839	\$268,274	\$295,705	\$323,067	\$323,760	\$336,941
1.060 - All Other Operating Revenue	\$619,463	\$824,888	\$761,205	\$766,493	\$771,834	\$777,229
1.070 - Total Revenue	\$11,472,753	\$11,663,360	\$11,658,334	\$11,454,022	\$11,246,697	\$11,159,100
Other Financing Sources:						
2.010 - Proceeds from Sale of Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.020 - State Emergency Loans & Advancements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.040 - Operating Transfers - In	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.050 - Advances - In	\$52,940	\$12,414	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
2.060 - All Other Financing Sources	\$10,341	\$82,000	\$82,820	\$83,648	\$84,485	\$84,485
2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources	\$83,280	\$94,414	\$182,820	\$183,648	\$184,485	\$184,485
2.080 - Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources	\$11,556,033	\$11,757,774	\$11,841,154	\$11,637,670	\$11,431,182	\$11,343,584
Expenditures:						
3.010 - Personnel Services	\$5,152,590	\$5,105,710	\$5,265,726	\$5,410,933	\$5,556,715	\$5,706,594
3.020 - Retirement & Insurance Benefits	\$1,998,508	\$2,014,987	\$2,114,008	\$2,233,605	\$2,360,789	\$2,568,990
3.030 - Purchased Services	\$3,100,066	\$3,103,719	\$3,106,359	\$3,189,257	\$3,274,506	\$3,362,178
3.040 - Supplies & Materials	\$363,343	\$387,451	\$292,572	\$294,017	\$299,244	\$304,551
3.050 - Capital Outlay	\$320,128	\$174,472	\$179,706	\$185,097	\$190,650	\$196,369
3.060 - Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service:						
4.010 - Principal - All Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.020 - Principal - Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.030 - Principal - State Loans	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.040 - Principal - State Advances	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.050 - Principal - HB264 Loans	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.055 - Principal - Other Loans	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.060 - Interest & Fiscal Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.300 - Other Objects	\$166,142	\$170,366	\$172,069	\$173,790	\$175,528	\$177,283
4.500 - Total Expenditures	\$11,100,778	\$10,956,705	\$11,130,440	\$11,486,699	\$11,857,432	\$12,315,966
Other Financing Uses:						
5.010 - Operating Transfers - Out	\$2,661,000	\$570,000	\$695,400	\$695,400	\$695,400	\$695,400
5.020 - Advances - Out	\$12,414	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
5.030 - All Other Financing Uses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses	\$2,673,414	\$670,000	\$795,400	\$795,400	\$795,400	\$795,400
5.050 - Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	\$13,774,192	\$11,626,705	\$11,925,840	\$12,282,099	\$12,652,832	\$13,111,366
6.010 - Excess of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	-\$2,218,159	\$131,069	-\$84,686	-\$644,429	-\$1,221,650	-\$1,767,782
7.010 - Cash Balance July 1 (No Levies)	\$6,338,943	\$4,120,784	\$4,251,853	\$4,167,167	\$3,522,738	\$2,301,088
7.020 - Cash Balance June 30 (No Levies)	\$4,120,784	\$4,251,853	\$4,167,167	\$3,522,738	\$2,301,088	\$533,306
Reservations:						
8.010 - Estimated Encumbrances June 30	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
9.080 - Budget Reserves	\$0	\$490,000	\$440,000	\$390,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
10.010 - Fund Balance June 30 for Cert of App	\$4,070,784	\$3,711,853	\$3,677,167	\$3,082,738	\$1,911,088	\$143,306
Revenue from Replacement/Renewal Levies:						
11.010 & 11.020 - Renewal Levy Annual Amount - Cumulative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12.010 - Fund Balance June 30 w/Cumulative Line 11 Levies	\$4,070,784	\$3,711,853	\$3,677,167	\$3,082,738	\$1,911,088	\$143,306
Revenue from New Levies						
13.010 & 13.020 - New Levies - Cumulative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15.010 - Fund Balance June 30 w/Cumulative Line 11 & 13 Levies	\$4,070,784	\$3,711,853	\$3,677,167	\$3,082,738	\$1,911,088	\$143,306

Felicity-Franklin Local School District's February 2026 Four-Year Forecast projects that the district will remain financially stable throughout the forecast period, but cash reserves are expected to decline due to expenditures outpacing revenue growth. The forecast estimates an ending cash balance of approximately \$143,306 by June 30, 2030, with no new operating levies included in the forecast.

Financial Update May 2026

Key Revenue Assumptions

State funding remains the district's largest revenue source, accounting for approximately 63% of General Fund revenue. Future projections are based on the current Fair School Funding Plan and expected enrollment trends.

District enrollment is projected to gradually decline, which impacts future state funding calculations.

Property tax reform is going to significantly reduce revenue, to the tune of roughly \$1.2M over the course of this forecast.

Interest earnings, tuition, and other local revenues are projected using current trends and available information.

Key Expenditure Assumptions

Personnel costs and employee benefits remain the district's largest expenses, representing more than 60% of General Fund spending. Future projections include negotiated salary increases, step movement, retirement replacement costs, and anticipated increases in healthcare and retirement expenses.

Purchased services, utilities, transportation, instructional services, and other operating costs are projected based on historical spending patterns and known contractual obligations.

Capital purchases and equipment replacements are included as needed while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

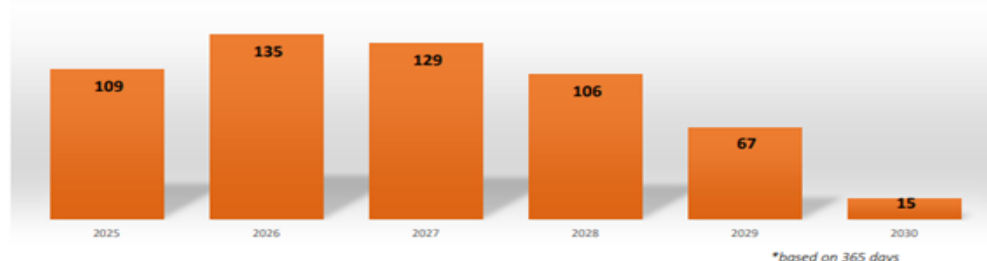
Financial Outlook

Total revenues are projected to remain relatively flat through 2030, while expenditures are expected to continue increasing over time.

The district projects positive cash balances throughout the forecast period; however, available reserves decline each year, reducing financial flexibility.

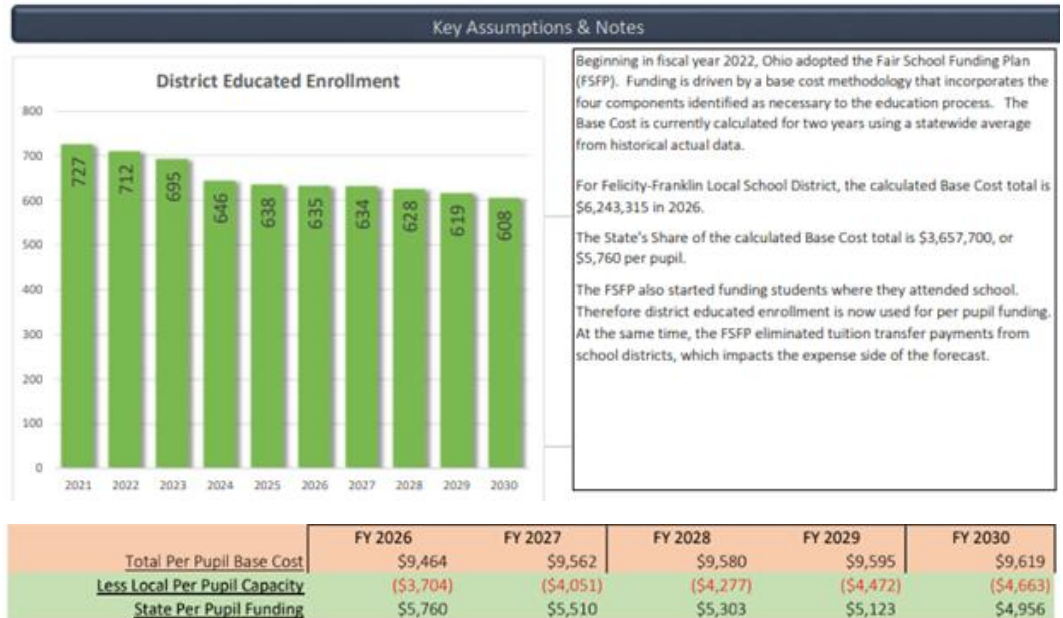
Bottom Line: Felicity-Franklin maintains a positive cash balance throughout the five-year forecast, but careful monitoring of state funding, enrollment trends, employee benefit costs, and property tax changes will be essential to maintaining long-term financial stability.

Days Cash on Hand at Fiscal Year-end



Financial Update May 2026

Enrollment and the “Guarantee”



Felicity-Franklin Local Schools is currently on the State of Ohio's "formula", for the "Fair School Funding Plan". Under the Fair School Funding Plan, the state compares the district's calculated per-pupil cost to **its local capacity to fund education**. Because Felicity-Franklin's local capacity is assumed to increase over time, the state's calculated share of funding declines—even if student enrollment remains stable. As a result, projected **state per-pupil funding decreases from approximately \$5,760 in FY2026 to \$4,956 by FY2030**, meaning the district is expected to receive less state funding per student each year despite maintaining enrollment levels. This trend increases reliance on local resources and highlights the importance of long-term financial planning as future state funding remains uncertain.

New Grants Received:

Felicity-Franklin Local Schools became a first-time recipient in the federal Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) through the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant. This program recognizes the unique challenges faced by small rural school districts and provides additional federal funding and spending flexibility to support student achievement. The FY25 amount was for \$14,941.00 and anticipates receiving over \$19,000 in FY26. SRSA funding helps the district maximize limited resources by allowing federal dollars to be directed toward local priorities such as academic programs, staff development, technology, student support services, and other initiatives that benefit students and families.

Felicity-Franklin was also awarded **\$8,202 through the Ohio School Bus Safety Grant Program** to enhance student transportation safety. The grant funds will be used to purchase and install **replacement fully illuminated school bus signs** on district buses. These upgraded signs provide increased visibility during student loading and unloading, helping motorists more easily recognize when a bus is stopped and students are entering or exiting the vehicle.

Will your child turn 5 by August 20, 2026? Kindergarten Registration is here! Please see the flyer below for more information or visit <https://www.felicityschoools.org/o/felicity-franklin/page/enrollment>.

2026-2027

FELICITY-FRANKLIN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT ENROLLMENT - SUMMER HOURS

Business Hours
9AM - 2PM



After Hours
4 PM - 7 PM



Come Prepared

The following documents are **REQUIRED** at registration:

- Create an account and complete all forms in **FINALFORMS** <https://felicity-oh.finalforms.com/>
- Birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of Residency (current utility bill, lease, mortgage)*
- Parent/Guardian's Driver's License or State Issued ID Card
- Custody Paperwork (if applicable)
- Open Enrollment Application (if applicable)

*If living with someone, a notarized [Residency Verification](#) can be completed.

Your student will not be registered until the above documents are received and FinalForms completed.

Additional Information & Resources

Step-by-Step Instructions can be found on our website.



98th Ohio FFA Convention - 2026

The 98th Ohio FFA Convention was held on April 30 – May 1, 2026 at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, Ohio. Felicity-Franklin FFA members earned awards in the following areas. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication. Thank you to our FFA members for representing Felicity-Franklin School District so well.

State Champion in AgriScience Fair

Food Systems - Division 4 - Addi Bock & Makinnly Hill
Food Systems - Division 6 - Lydia Hamilton & Hailey Wendling
Plant Systems - Division 4 - Ashlyn Berwanger & Stella Ninichuck

State Champion in Proficiency Awards

Diversified Ag - Eden Myers
AgriScience Research - Animal Systems - Lydia Hamilton

State Proficiency

Vegetable Production - 2nd place - Eden Myers
AgriScience Research Integrated Systems - 3rd Place - Hailey Wendling
Diversified Livestock - 3rd Place - Jona Carnahan

Top 10 Chapter in Ohio

Top 10 Chapter in Building Communities
Top 10 Chapter in Strengthening Ag
Top 10 Chapter in Growing Leaders

Ohio FFA Band

Jaxxon Johnson & Abigail Masterson

Ohio FFA State Degrees

Breanna Idlett
Jona Carnahan
Katelyn Brandenburg
Logan Cole
Ben Bracher
Briley Idlett

Gold-Rated Officer Books

Jaxxon Johnson - Secretary
Abigail Masterson - Treasurer
Katelyn Brandenburg – Reporter

Ohio FFA Talent - Jona Carnahan

State Winner in Grain Merchandising

Olivia Liming

State Winning Middle School Poultry Team

Piper Ward, Travis Brandenburg, Mary Waugh, & Kiearra Scott



Seniors 2026 – It's A Great Day To Be A Cardinal



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Kindergarten Graduation 2026

"Good evening everyone- families, friends, staff, and our wonderful kindergarten graduates. Welcome to this very special night at Felicity Franklin Elementary. In a small town like ours, moments like this mean a little something extra. This isn't just a school event it's a community celebration. Because here, we all know these kids. We see them at ball games, at church, and around town. And tonight, we get to celebrate just how much they've grown.

Kindergarten students this night is all about you. It feels like just yesterday you were walking into school for the first time, some of you holding on tight to a parent's hand, not quite sure what to expect. And now look at you confident, smiling, and so proud of all you've accomplished. You've learned your letters and numbers, how to read and write, and how to solve problems. But even more important than that, you've learned how to be a friend. You've learned how to take turns, help one another, and be kind. Those are the things that make our school and our community so special.

Around here, we believe that raising kids is a team effort. And tonight is proof of that. Families, thank you for your support, your encouragement, and for sharing your children with us each day. The love and values you teach at home carry right into our classrooms.

And to our teachers and staff- thank you for treating these students like your own. In a community like Felicity, that's what we do. We show up for each other, we care deeply, and we work together to help our kids succeed.

Boys and girls, as you head into first grade, remember this: you have a whole community behind you. We are all cheering you on every step of the way. Keep trying your best. Keep being kind. Keep helping others. And never forget- you belong here, and we are proud of you. Congratulations, kindergarten graduates. We can't wait to see all the great things you'll do."

Principal Darlene Porter, May 2026



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Congratulations FFLSD Retirees 2026!

Congratulations to the following Felicity-Franklin staff members who retired at the end of the school year. We asked them what they will miss most about our district and about their plans for retirement.

Carolyn Ammerman (FFLSD 1993-2026)

What I will miss most about Felicity-Franklin Elementary is the daily connection with my students and colleagues. I am going to miss the smiles of elementary students, the boundless energy they display, the beautiful artwork they create and put on my desk and watching them learn and discover their potential. Over my thirty-three years, my students have brought much joy to my life. My colleagues have become my second family, and I will miss them greatly. We have supported each other over the years and have shared many milestones. It is hard to leave these dedicated educators and wonderful students, but I leave with a heart full of gratitude.

First on my list is to get used to a slower pace of life! After thirty-three years, I am really looking forward to a little me time. I plan to focus on my family and to participate in old hobbies again and create new hobbies too, like playing a musical instrument. I also look forward to traveling more frequently with my husband. We are going to South Carolina this summer. I am going to enjoy the freedom of setting my own schedule, and am thankful for the opportunity to do so.

Kristin Baird (FFLSD 1998-2026)

Thank you very much. I will miss the students the most and working with them on their future goals. I am going to be a travel agent after retirement.

Cheryl Edmisten (FFLSD 2002-2026)

Thank you so much, I am really looking forward to it. I will mostly miss working alongside my co-teachers. Over the years, we became more than colleagues—we became a team that shared ideas, solved problems, celebrated successes, and supported one another through challenges. Working together to meet the needs of our students created a strong sense of purpose and accomplishment. I will miss the daily conversations, laughter, teamwork, and the relationships we built while making a difference in the lives of students. The connections formed with my co-teachers are among the most meaningful and lasting memories of my teaching career here at Felicity.

After retirement, I plan to begin a new chapter by exploring new employment opportunities while enjoying a more flexible schedule. I look forward to spending more time with my husband and taking the opportunity to do some light traveling visiting family and friends. While I will miss teaching, I am excited for the new experiences and adventures that retirement will bring.

Beth Lahmer (FFLSD 2012-2026)

I will miss so many of the people who became friends for life as well as those who have become part of my Family. The daily time I had the privy of checking in on so many of these students. Most of all the trios to share so many events with the students over the years and watch their growth and their progress of achieving so many awards, and so many honors. I got to share in watching along their journey, seeing the child become a maturing adult. As well as still being here to observe several of those kiddos become new Cardinal employees!!! So honored to have great fun sports trip memories. I wish you all the best in your future dreams, will pray you may all achieve those dreams...God Bless you all, and thank you for PUTTING up with me.

My future plans are GOD willing, to spend more time with my "Grands".

I have Twin granddaughters that graduated this year - Makenna and Mariah.

Ali Jayne that graduated from 8th grade - they are my daughter Heather's husband Zach's children. Then granddaughter Jemma going to kindergarten this fall.

ONLY Grandson Stetson who is ready to be 3 soon - they are my daughter Brooke's husband Patrick's children. Also wanting to do things that will be new to me. Would like to travel on a trip through America by train, also by bus with friends, maybe even fly somewhere. Have someone else DO the driving. Also join the women's groups that help minister church members needs for rides to and from appointments. Driving the Church Van. Good Luck to all of you and be safe, and happy in the years ahead.

Shelley Nooe (FFLSD 2001-2026)

I will miss the smiles, the laughter, classroom moments, and the relationships built over the years. Teaching has never been just a job for me, it has been my passion and my purpose. As I retire, I will carry with me the memories, and the lessons learned, and my Cardinal family. My plans for retirement are to relax, travel and spend time with my granddaughters.

**Congratulations and best wishes to each of you on your retirement.
Remember that you will always be part of the Felicity-Franklin family!**



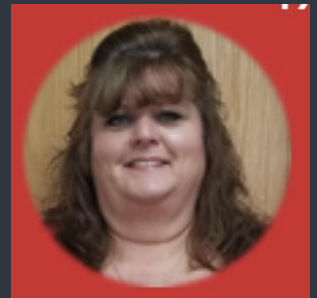
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Congrats to Our
SBAAC All-Stars!



Noah Graham - 1st
Team SBAAC for Pole
Vault



Garet Hall - 1st Team
SBAAC Baseball

Hon. Mention Baseball:
Jona Carnahan

Hayden Broadwell Makes History at State



Felicity-Franklin's own Hayden Broadwell competed in the Division V high jump event on June 5, 2026, at the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Track and Field Championships at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Although Hayden was seeded nineteenth going into finals, he finished in eighth place and earned a spot on the podium at the state championship meet. In doing this, Hayden became the first athlete from Felicity-Franklin since 2005 to reach the podium at the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Track and Field Championships.

Earlier in the season, Hayden placed third at the Division V District Meet at Lakota East. At the Region 16 meet in Chillicothe he placed fifth with a personal best of 5-11. At the state track and field meet, Hayden made 6 feet on his second try and 6-2 on his first. He finished eighth and earned a place on the podium after finishing at 6-4, breaking his personal record twice to get there.

Congratulations, Hayden! Your hard work, dedication, and determination have earned you a place among Ohio's best. We are proud of all your accomplishments as a Cardinal.

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