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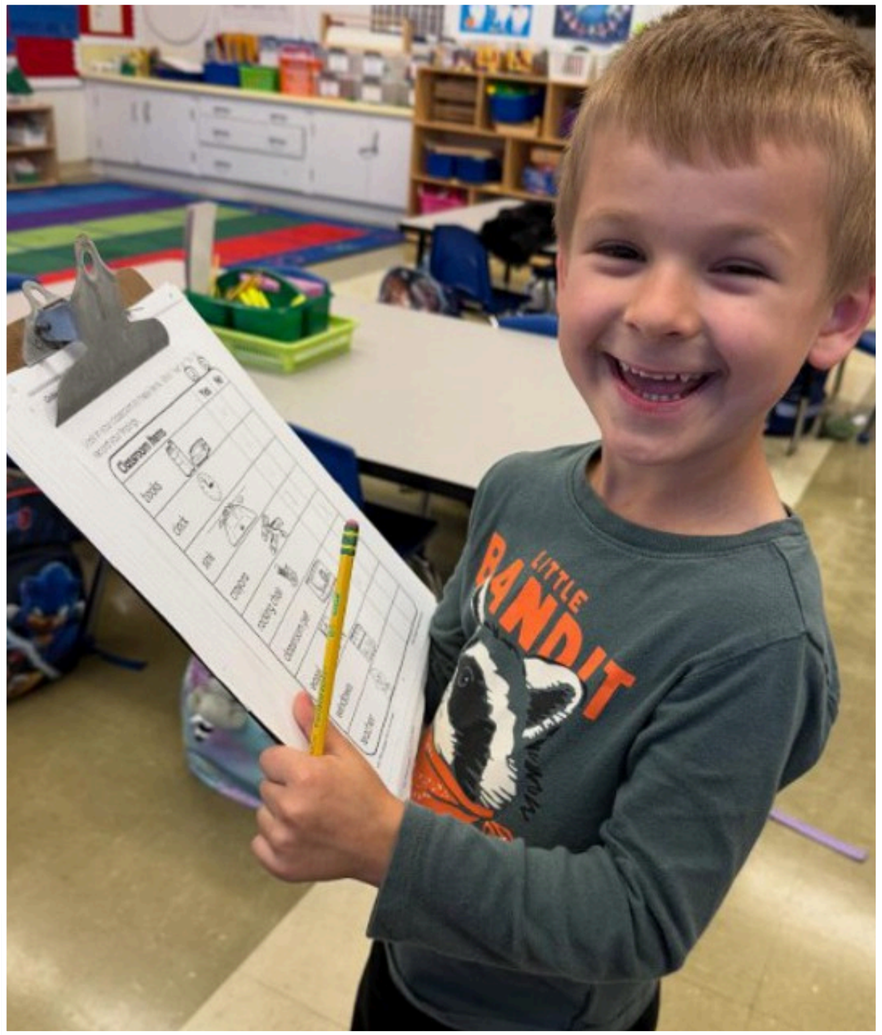
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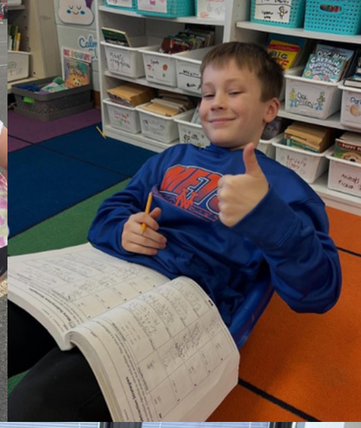
Let’s take a minute to highlight some of the very special moments so far this year that our students and staff are proud of, including special projects, community service efforts, peer leadership, engaging activities, buzzing classrooms, eager learners and so much more…

Together, let’s see and celebrate the many faces of FRSD!


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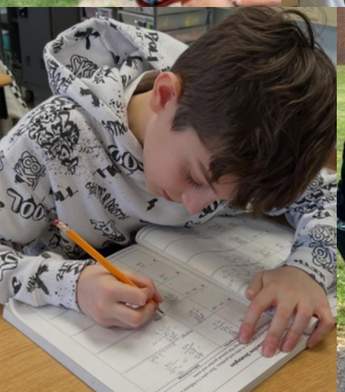



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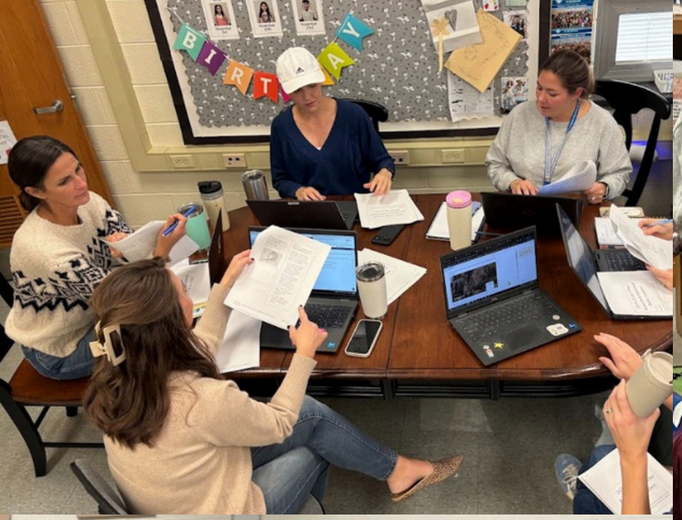









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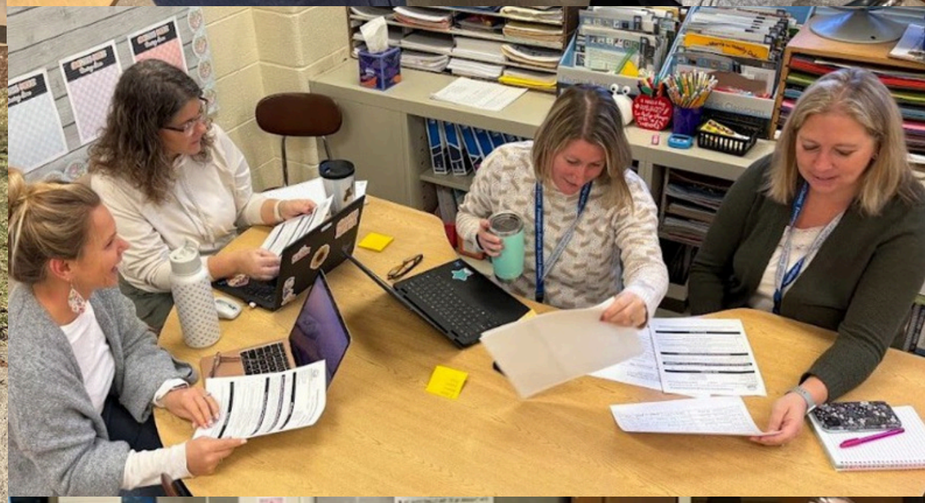





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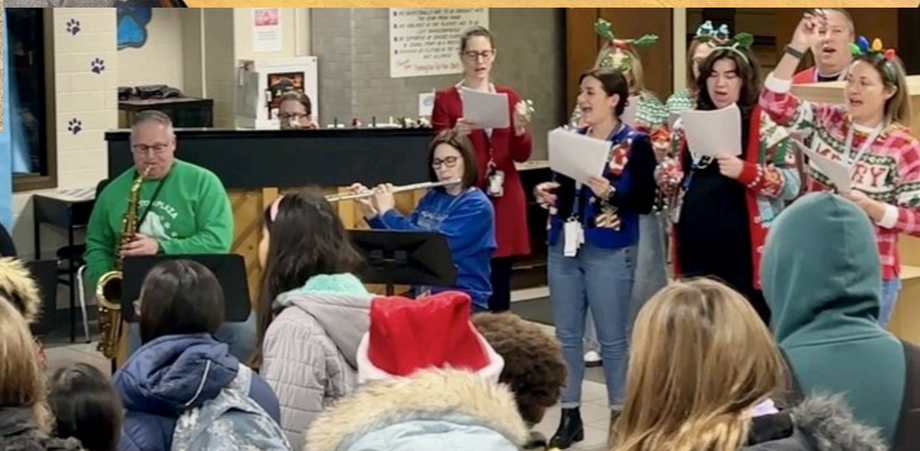












What’s New?

Our Own Transportation Department

We are proud to be offering our own transportation to students and families. This has increased ownership and efficiency of our routes and transportation funding.

More Preschool Seats

We’re continuing to expand the preschool program, which sets a strong foundation for our youngest learners.

Increased Communication

We launched a new website with a mobile app, posted short video updates on YouTube and began livestreaming Board of Education meetings for greater transparency.

Partners/Sponsors

We’re partnering with sponsors to foster relationships with local business leaders to help strengthen our community’s investment in our great schools.



SPECIAL MOMENTS & REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS







Barley Sheaf

Barley Bears enjoyed the Book Blizzard Reading Challenge, the Walking School Bus, Family Heritage Night, guest readers, therapy dog visits, the winter concert, a reading challenge, collecting items for the United Way, the walk-a-thon and assemblies.

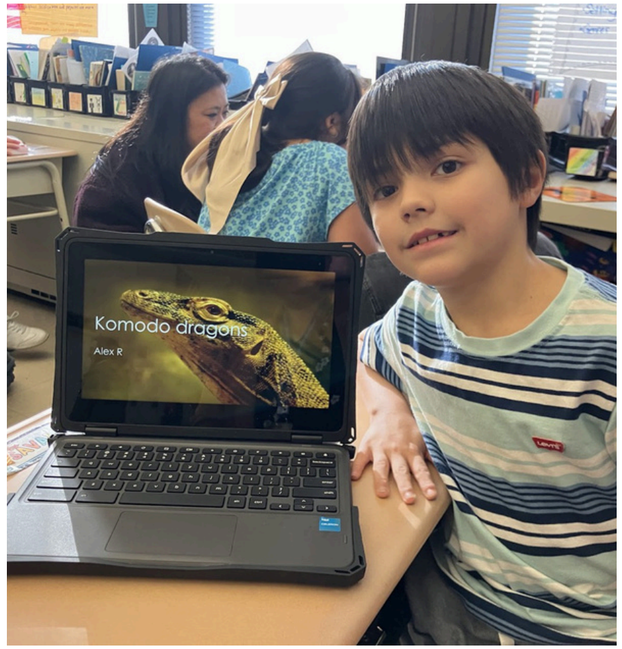
Copper Hill

The Cougars celebrated veterans and enjoyed a holiday shop, book fairs, Heritage Night and a Kindness Rocks event. They love their new playground equipment and collecting items for the food pantry. Copper Hill also started a weekend backpack program to send food home to families in need.

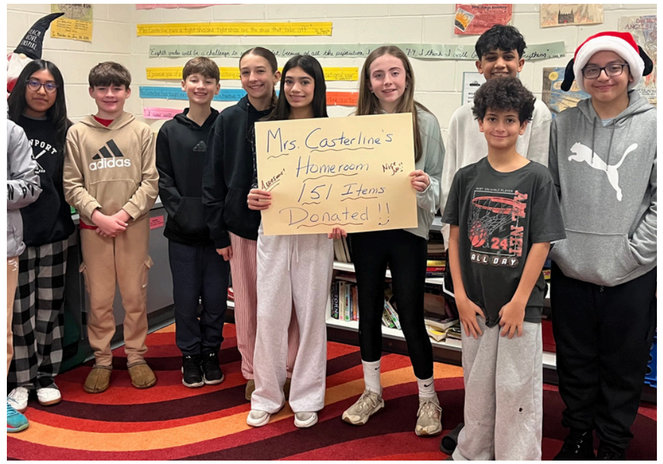
Francis A. Desmares

Desmares is proud of its Parent Academy workshops, Project Enrich tutoring program, the walk-a-thon, therapy dogs, holiday shop, Safety Patrol, and all-school meetings. The Dolphins dive into learning all year long!

SPECIAL MOMENTS & REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS









Robert Hunter

The Raccoons enjoyed enrichment sessions, buddy programs, book fairs, a balloon parade, whole-school meetings, the winter concert, making bags for the food pantry, and taking part in special theme days such as Walk to School Day, Fort Day, “67th Day” and Zoo Day.

Reading-Fleming

6th-graders Molly Parker and Nora Batliwala won 1st Place in the 2025 Fall NJ Stock Market Game (Middle School North Division) and the Huskies are so proud to perform in engaging assemblies, school spirit activities, concerts, community service learning projects, grant programs and be named Rocky’s Rockstars.

J.P. Case

Students continue to join the Tiger Tribe peer program; JPC donated nearly 1,000 items to the Flemington Food Pantry holiday drive; the winter concerts were spectacular; and many Tigers are working so hard to earn honor badges and cords. We hear them roar!

Budget Planning: Beyond One Year

A Five Year Financial View

- The District uses a rolling five-year budget forecast
- Helps anticipate costs and avoid reactive decisions
- Supports stable, long-term planning

How the Forecast Guides Decisions

Used to Inform:

- Staffing and Labor planning
- Special education and student services
- Transportation and Operational needs
- Facility and capital maintenance timing
- Future revenue discussions

What the Forecast is (and is Not)

It is:

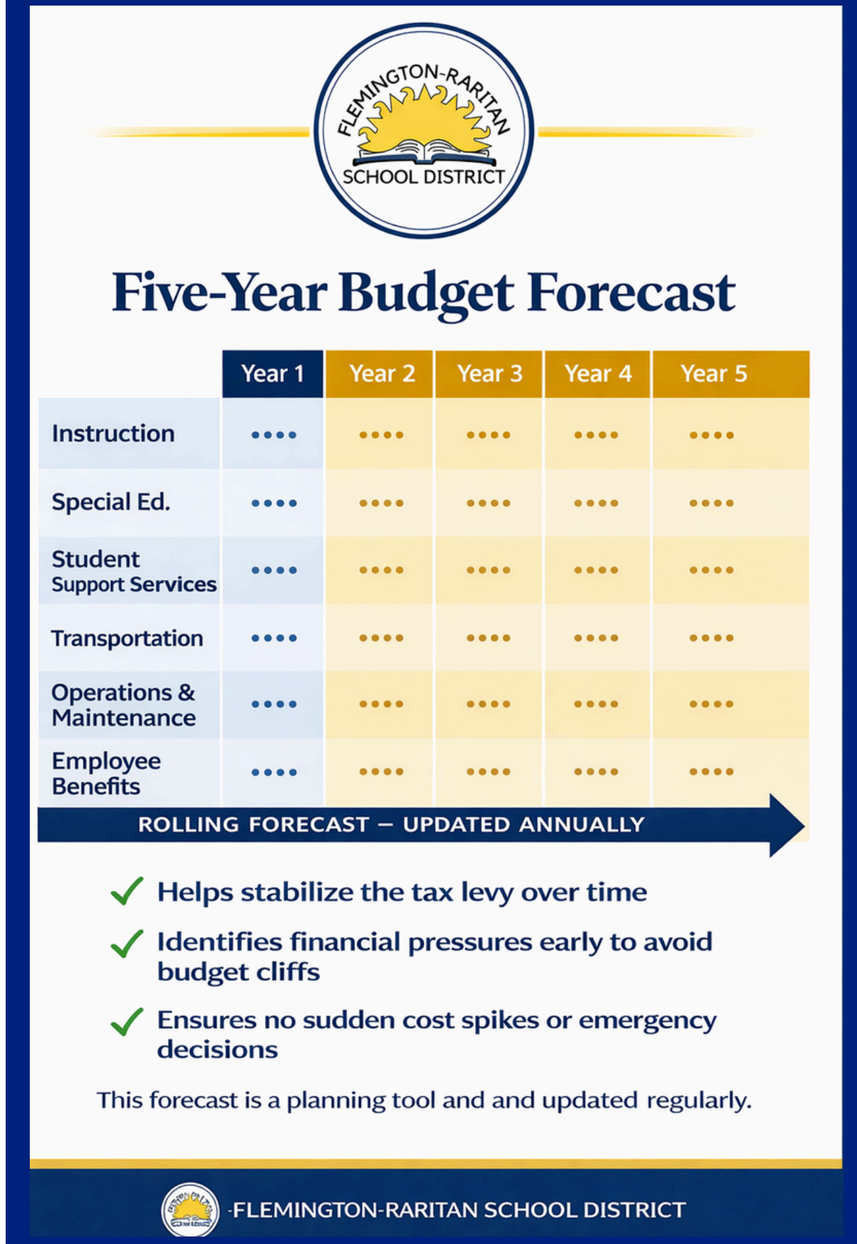
- A planning and decision-making tool
- Updated regulary as assumptions change

It is Not:

- A final or adopted budget
- A static document

Commitment to Responsible Planning

- Focus on stability and predictability
- Avoiding sudden budget spikes
- Thoughful use of taxpayer dollars



Planning Ahead to Protect Our Schools

Long Range Facilities Plan - Financial discipline tool, not a wish list

- Facilities Planning is embedded in the 5 year budget forecast
- Projects are phased over time, not all at once
- The goal is stable taxes and no emergency spending

Areas of Focus

- Safey & Security
- HVAC and Building Systems
- Instructional Spaces
- Vehicle and Equipment Replacement
- Infrastructure

How This Is Funded

- Planned within the annual budget
- Incremental increases over time
- No sudden borrowing or emergency tax impacts
- Replace expiring debt with new lower debt for major projects such as JP Case Roof

What This means for the community

- Schools are safe and well maintained
- Projects are planned, not reactive
- Tax impacts are managed over time



Special Board Meeting - Health Benefits

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: February 19, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
- Location: J.P. Case Middle School
- Presenter: District Health Benefit Broker - Brown & Brown

Purpose of the Meeting

- To review the projected 2026-2027 health insurance renewal and its significant financial impact on the district
- To hear directly from the district's broker regarding drivers of increased costs, claims trends and market conditions
- To discuss plan design limitations

Why This Matters

- The district is facing unprecedented and unsustainable increases in employee health benefit costs
- The increases far exceed allowable tax levy growth, even with healthcare adjustments
- Health benefit cost pressures directly affect educational programming, staffing and long term financial stability

Legislative Context

- This meeting aligns with the Board's recently issued Legislative Action Letter, which calls for:
  - Meaningful state level reform of school employee health benefits
  - Greater cost containment tools and local control
  - Relief from systemic cost drivers impacting districts statewide



Q&A

Our question-and-answer period offers time to address questions about the district, including the budget.

- In-person questions will be taken first.
- Virtual questions can be submitted and will be reviewed as they are received.

Please check our Budget web page for the latest updates.



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