

Superintendent's Report for August 2021

FSD3- A Premier District of Choice



Ensuring our Students are College or Career Ready and Productive and Responsible Citizens.



The Regional Advocacy Meetings will take place from 5- 7 p.m. at the following locations:

- Wednesday, September 22 — Pee Dee
Hilton Garden Inn
2671 Hospitality Boulevard • Florence, SC 29501
- Thursday, September 23 — Midlands
T & S Farms
3500 Pond Branch Road • Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070
- Wednesday, September 29 — Upstate
1881 Event Hall (adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn)
805 Spartan Boulevard • Spartanburg, SC 29301



FSD3 receives an Innovation Grant

- The Grants Committee has awarded FSD3 \$100,000 for our D.R.E.A.M. Project (Developing Reachable Educational Achievement Milestones) to Achieve. The project will serve 73 middle & high school students served from the original grant as 6th – 8th graders to reduce dropout and ensure graduation.

(D.R.E.A.M. to Achieve)



ACADEMIC TUTORING AND HOMEWORK CENTER



Free Assistance with:

- Reading
- Math
- Writing
- Organizational Skills
- Test-taking Strategies
- Academic Improvement
- One-On-One & Group

Open to all Florence District 3 Students

140 Westover Street Lake City, SC 29560

Hours

Monday thru Thursday 3:00pm thru 7:00pm

Saturdays 10:00 am thru 2:00 pm

Sundays 3:00pm thru 6:00pm

* Hours may change due to holidays and inclement weather

Contact us at

843-374-2836



2021 -2022 School Year

- It has been an exciting four days!
- Our teachers, staff, and most of our students are thrilled to be back.
- We do have some bus challenges as we are in desperate need of bus drivers.

Student Enrollment

Projected Enrollment	Actual Enrollment
3270 3K – 12th	~ 2812 3k – 12th Down:-458

COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- We have implemented guidelines to help our faculty and our students remain healthy:
 - We will have the following PPE equipment on site at all of our schools:
 - face masks, hand-sanitizers, cleaning products and disinfectants, thermometers, and gloves.
 - Students and staff in SC public schools are strongly encouraged to wear a face-coverings inside the building, especially those who have not been vaccinated.

Safety Protocols continue

- Health protocols will be communicated, taught, and practiced upon our return to school.
- Staff will wipe down commonly touched items used throughout the workday.
- Temperature checks upon entering the building for students and employees.
- Custodians will implement Enhanced Safety Cleaning Protocols for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting surfaces and areas.
- Buses will be disinfected after each route. **Mask use is required on school buses.**
- Schools will use a variety of techniques to minimize close contacts in common areas, such as staggered transitions, 3 feet social distancing in cafeteria, or meals in the classroom when necessary.
- Morning announcements will include age-appropriate health reminders.
- Non-essential visitors will not be allowed access to areas when students are present. Parents/guardians who need to meet with school staff must make an appointment and will be directed to a designated location to attend scheduled conferences and meetings.

COVID Contingency Plan

In the event of a large COVID spread that causes all schools to shut down, FSD3 will be working on a written contingency plan. This plan will be emailed to the board next Thursday for review.



Mask Wearing

- South Carolina Education Superintendent Molly Spearman said Wednesday that she's encouraging state lawmakers to reconsider the law that bans South Carolina schools from requiring masks inside their buildings.
- Representative Roger Kirby supports this and has written a letter to encourage the legislators revisit the law and to give that decision to the local districts.
- Current Mask Policy: Discussion
 - A. [Current Mask Proviso](#) (State)
 - B. Survey Data (From Parents and Staff)
 - C. Estimated Percentage of staff and students wearing mask /face covering
 - D. Documents from SDE and Washington DC- US Secretary of Education
 - E. [Current Policy](#) (repealed or suspend?)

We value our students, staff, parents, stakeholders, community, and businesses!!
Let's work together to keep ourselves and others safe!

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and Productive and Responsible Members of Society

