**To** **Fairfield** **Union** **Students,** **Families,** **Staff** **and** **Community:**

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, I am amazed at how each year feels unique and different while still having that sense of something familiar. The excitement in the air is palpable, and the nervous energy that comes with the first day of school is building in all of us. More than ever, I think we are all ready for the start of a school year that more closely resembles times of old.

I am happy to report our students showed tremendous growth academically last year, and by all accounts, we have more than closed the learning gaps that were caused by COVID. Our students and staff worked extremely hard to get to this point, and now it is time for our district to take that next big step in our classrooms. We will not rest until Fairfield Union is the pinnacle of academic excellence in Ohio.

The 2021-2022 school year also brought outstanding achievements outside the classroom for our district. Our high school girls’ soccer team made the Regional finals for the first time in school history, the middle school Power of the Pen team qualified for the state tournament, our Agriculture department saw 15 FFA members receive state degrees, and we all enjoyed an incredible night of music during our 2nd Alumni Band Night! The 2021-2022 school year was magical in many ways, but now it is time to turn our sights to new beginnings.

As we embark on the journey that will be the 2022-2023 school year, we are once again focused on things like pep rallies, concerts, musicals, athletic events, state degrees, as well as achieving academic excellence.

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**AT** **~~day~~****YEAR** **to** **be** **a** **Falcon!**

Chad Belville

**NATIONAL** **SCHOOL** **LUNCH** **AND** **BREAKFAST** **PROGRAM/FOOD** **SERVICES**

The federal government has informed all school districts that the USDA will no longer be providing free meals for students beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. This means Fairfield Union will be required to charge for all meals this school year unless a student qualifies for free meals. We realize many families are facing a financial burden in today’s economy, so it is critical that all students submit free and reduced-price meal forms this year. Free and reduced-price meal applications can be found on our District web page (under the Parent tab), and applications will be sent home with students after the opening of school.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have received a Direct Certification letter through the mail, a new free and reduced-price meal application does not need to be completed for the 2022-2023 school year. Breakfast and lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year will be as follows:

Student Lunch – $3.00 Reduced Price Lunch - $0.40 Student Breakfast – $1.75 Reduced Price Breakfast - $0.30

Adult Lunch – $5.00

Fairfield Union is also proud to announce a partnership with Chartwells, a Food

Service Management Company. Last school year, Fairfield Union experienced difficulties receiving food orders, which resulted in constant changes in school menus. Chartwells is an industry leader in overseeing food service programs and currently works with organizations such as The Ohio State University. By partnering with Chartwells, our district hopes to improve the quality and consistency in our menu offerings. It is expected that Chartwells will be able to use its purchasing power, experience, and resources to lower costs and provide meals that will excite our student body. The district is also hopeful this partnership will provide further financial stability for food services at Fairfield Union.

**DISCLOSURES** **AND** **NOTIFICATIONS**

**IDENTIFICATION** **OF** **GIFTED** **STUDENTS**

All school districts are required to identify children who are gifted. Gifted students perform at remarkably high levels when compared to other students of their own age. The district accepts referrals, screens and identifies, or screens and reassesses students who perform or show potential for performing at high levels of accomplishment in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking

ability, and/or visual and/or performing arts. The district must follow policy and procedures established in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-

51-15. These rules specify that assessment instru-ments must come from the list approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

If you believe your child to be gifted in one or more of the areas listed above, please contact Eydie Schilling, Curriculum/Gifted Coordinator at 740-536-7384.

**INDIVIDUALS** **WITH** **DISABILITIES** **EDUCATION** **ACT** **(IDEA)**

The IDEA requires school districts to locate, identify and evaluate all resident children and adults from age 3 through 21 who are suspected of needing special education services. This notice is a required step in this search, and the district is committed to fulfilling the intent of the IDEA. Therefore, any child

who is suspected of having a disability and who is not currently identified should be referred to

the Principal of the building of attendance. Also, John Turnbull, Special Education Coordinator, may be contacted at 740-536-7306.

**STUDENT** **RECORDS** **AND** **THE** **PUBLIC’S** **RIGHT** **TO** **KNOW**

The Fairfield Union Board of Education supports the right of the people to know about programs and services of their schools and makes efforts to disseminate appropriate information. Records pertaining to individual students and other confidential materials are not released

for inspection. Student records that consist of “personally identifiable information” generally are exempt from disclosure except in certain limited cases required by law. Only that information deemed “directory information” may be released from an individual student’s file. Student Directory Information includes student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth,

participation in school activities, achievements, awards, honors, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, major field of study, and dates of attendance and graduation. This information will be disclosed without prior written consent. If the parents, legal guardian, or adult student prefers that such information not be released, they must notify the Principal in writing.

Educational records are maintained in the administrative offices of the building a child attends. Records of stu-dents no longer attending a Fairfield Union School will be located in the building the student last attended. Parents or an eligible student may review the student’s educational records.

It is truly a great Day to be a Falcon

**STAFF** **CHANGES**

**Retirements**

The following employees have retired: **Jim** **Bope**, Board Member; **Sue** **Embree**, Pleasantville Head Cook; **Kevin** **Kemmerer**, Board Member; **Karen** **May**, Bremen Grade 2 Teacher; **Beverly** **McFarland**, Bremen Secretary; **Tom** **Pugh**, Maintenance; **Jean** **Smith**, Rushville Cook/Cashier; **Bob** **Tanner**, Bus Driver; **Debbie** **Wright**, Pleasantville Music Teacher.

**Transfers**

The following employees will be transferring within the school district as follows: **Casey** **Bischof** from Rushville Grades 5-8 Wellness to Rushville Grade 7 Social Studies, **Matt** **Destadio** from High School Assistant Principal to Director of Educational Services, **Laura** **Hammer** from Pleasantville Cook/Cashier to Pleasantville Head Cook, **Marilyn** **Leitnaker** from Bremen BRT Aide to Bremen BRT Intervention Specialist, **Traci** **Mahler** from Rushville Aide to High School BRT Aide, **Jaime** **McCandlish** from Bremen Grade 3 to Bremen Kindergarten, **Jennifer** **Miller** from Rushville Grade 6 Math to Rushville Math Lab/Finance, **Sierra** **Roberts** from Rushville Intervention Specialist to Bremen Intervention Specialist, **Travis** **Shaeffer** from High School Social Studies to High School Assistant Principal, **Nathan** **Stephenson** from Rushville Grade 7 Social Studies to Rushville Grades 7-8 BRT Intervention Specialist, **John** **Turnbull** from Rushville Intervention Specialist to Special Education Coordinator, **Julie** **VerDow** from Rushville Grade 7 ELA/Reading to Rushville Grade 6 ELA/Writing.

**New** **Employees**

**Jacob** **Boles**, High School Math Teacher; **Janel** **Brown**, Bus Driver; **Holly** **Culver**, Rushville Grade 6 Intervention Specialist; **Ryan** **Danison**, High School BRT Intervention Specialist; **Hayley** **Elkins**, Rushville Grade 6 Math Teacher; **Taylor** **Hicks**, Bremen Tutor; **Emily** **Holm**, Bremen Inter-vention Specialist; **Nicole** **Horn**, Pleasantville Cook/Cashier; **Steven** **June**, Pleasantville Custodian; **Jared** **Kitchen**, High School/Rushville Music Teacher; **Lacie** **Murdock**, Rushville Grade 7 Intervention Specialist; **Roger** **Nott**, Bremen Elementary Principal; **Abbey** **Parsley**, Bremen 1:1 Aide; **Stacie** **Powell**, Bus Driver; **Andrew** **Ray**, Bremen 1:1 Aide; **Michelle** **Runkle**, Rushville Cook/Cashier; **James** **Short**, High School BRT Aide; **Bart** **Smith**, Rushville Wellness Teacher; **Jackie** **Starner**, Bremen BRT Aide; **Drew** **Stemen**, Rushville Grade 7 ELA/Reading Teacher; **Nicole** **Stemen**, Bremen Grade 3 Teacher; **Darla** **Thomas**, High School Cook/Cashier; **Jason** **Thompson**, High School Social Studies Teacher; **Zacary** **Turkowski**, Pleasantville BRT Intervention Specialist; **Kelsie** **Warnock**, Rushville Grades 5-6 BRT Intervention Specialist.

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**DISCLOSURES** **AND** **NOTIFICATIONS**

**NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE** **IX**

The Fairfield Union School District has a policy of non-discrimination in admission services or employment with any program or activity sponsored by the school district. Inquiries or complaints should be directed to Matt Destadio, Director of Educational Services, who serves as the district’s Title IX Coordinator.

**THE** **MCKINNEY-VENTO** **ACT**

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was de-signed to address the problems that homeless children and youth face in enrolling and attending school. Under this Federal law, school districts are required to designate a district liaison to help remove barriers that homeless children frequently face. If you are aware of

any families in our school district who are facing this difficult problem and who have children who are not enrolled in school, please contact Christy Smith, Administrative Secretary at 740-536-7384.

**STUDENT** **TIME** **SCHEDULES**

The time schedules for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

High School. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .7:20 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Rushville Middle School. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .7:20 A.M. – 2:38 P.M. Bremen Elementary School. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .8:50 A.M. – 3:35 P.M. Pleasantville Elementary School . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .8:50 A.M. – 3:35 P.M.

**PAYMENT** **OF** **FEES/WORKBOOKS**

As a sign of support and thanks to the Fairfield Union community, the Fairfield Union Board of Education has elected to waive all classroom fees for the 2022-2023 school year. The district understands many fam-ilies are experiencing financial burdens in the current economy, so the Board of Education is hopeful this

gesture will help our families during these difficult times. Once again, our district thanks the Fairfield Union community for its constant and continuous support!

**FAIRFIELD** **UNION** **WEBSITE**

The Fairfield Union web address is **www.fairfieldunion.org** Please visit this site for school

news and regular updates.

Music Department News

We are excited to welcome Jared Kitchen as Band Director! Julian Savage and Matthew Gregory will be serving as Assistant Band Directors. All information and schedules for our music department can be found by going to the Fairfield Union High School page on our school website and clicking on “Performing Arts Grades 5-12.”

**OPEN** **HOUSE/ORIENTATION**

As the school year begins, we extend an invitation to parents to attend Open House/Orientation from 4:30 to 8:30 on the following dates.

High School – Tuesday, August 16

Rushville Middle School – Tuesday, August 16 Bremen Elementary – Monday, August 15 Pleasantville Elementary – Monday, August 15

More detailed information will be available from your Building Principal and on our School Website.

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NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

**SPORTS** **PARTICIPATION** **FEE** **REMINDERS**

Each athlete is required to complete training rules and a pre-participa-tion physical (once per year), as well as pay their Sports Participation Fee of $50.00 for each high school sport or $25.00 for each middle school sport. We have and will continue to make every effort to keep our rates below those of similar sized school districts in the area.

**BELOW** **IS** **A** **LIST** **OF** **HEAD** **COACHES** **FOR** **THE** **2022-2023** **FALL** **AND** **WINTER** **SEASONS** Sean Krupla—Football Brian Oliver—Golf

Jerrod Redding—Boys Soccer Casey Bischof—Girls Soccer Rob Myers—Cross Country Holly Culver--Volleyball

Brittany Ashbaugh—Fall and Winter Cheerleading Travis Shaeffer—Boys Basketball Ryan Montgomery—Girls Basketball

Donald Welsh—Wrestling TBD—Athletic Trainer

**MISSION** **STATEMENT**

The mission of the Fairfield Union Local School District is to provide a safe environment where purposeful and rigorous educational experiences develop lifelong learners and confident, productive citizens.

**OUR** **VISION**

Fairfield Union will serve as a collaborative learning community shaping the educational environment to prepare students for college and career readiness.

**ATHLETIC** **BOOSTERS**

The Athletic Department would like to invite all parents to be active participants in the Athletic Booster program. Athletic Booster meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School library.

**MID-STATE** **LEAGUE** **ADMISSION** **PRICES** **(Subject** **to** **Change)**

All High School Tickets - $6.00 All Middle School Tickets - $5.00

**Please** **note:** **The** **Mid-State** **League** **no** **longer** **offers** **student** **rates.**

Fairfield Union will offer the following special rates for home events only:

Student 10-Game Pass - $40.00 Adult 10-Game Pass - $50.00

Infield Parking - $5.00

Senior Citizens with a Golden Buckeye Card will be admitted free of charge at home events

**2022-2023** **BUS** **ROUTES**

To review your student’s current busing assignments, we encourage you to download the free RIDE 360 app for Android and iPhone in the Google Play App or Apple Store. Once updates for the 2022-2023 school year have been completed, routes will be updated in RIDE

360 and they will be posted on the district website under the Parents/ Transportation tab or by using the website address https://www. fairfieldunion.org/Transportation.aspx. If you do not have internet access and would like information on bus routes that pertain to your student(s), please call the Fairfield Union Transportation Department at 740-536-7820 or the Fairfield Union District Office at 740-536-7384.

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Transportation Coordinator

**BELIEFS**

The Fairfield Union Schools believe it is our purpose . . .

• To promote lifelong learners.

• To teach all students academic skills. • To promote good citizenship.

• To develop self-confidence and a positive self-image in students. • To provide a safe, healthy environment.

• To teach functional life skills.

• To provide a challenging environment.

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**2021-2022** **SCHOOL** **YEAR** **FINANCIAL** **OVERVIEW**

Beginning Cash Balance July 1, 2021 ................................... $ 12,882,175

**REVENUES**

Property Tax........................................................................... $ 7,469,659 Income Tax ............................................................................ $ 6,233,876 State Aid ............................................................................... $ 11,457,200 Other ......................................................................................... $ 524,796 Total..................................................................................... $ 25,685,531

**EXPENDITURES**

Employee Salaries/Wages..................................................... $ 12,025,145 Employee Benefits................................................................... $ 5,218,418 Purchased Services................................................................. $ 2,659,453 Supplies ..................................................................................... $ 859,877 Capital......................................................................................... $ 64,668 Other/Transfer to Debt Payments......................................... $ 2,732,132 Total..................................................................................... $ 23,559,692

Ending Cash Balance June 30, 2022 .................................... $ 15,008,014

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