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We have documented the steps of the remarkable volunteers who researched the need for a new facility, scouted a potential location, and studied ways to make good use of the current building.

They recommended that Fremont build a new high school and seek funding for broader technology improvements, and the Board of Education agreed.

State treasury officials had two steps to take. It has completed the first, giving the proposal its initial thumbs-up. Its formal approval is expected in early February, after which the Board of Education will take its next step and vote to bring the issue to the community.

That's when the volunteers will step-up again, and step out into every corner of the Fremont community. They want to talk about what they have learned of the educational needs of our children, and the benefits of a new high school to everyone who lives and works here.

Their goal, to quote their co-chair, local attorney David Byrne, is to "have a conversation with every voter and organization. We will do whatever we can to reach out in a timely manner."

If you would like a committee member to come by for a chat with a group of friends, family, or service organizations, calls Mr. Byrne at 924-9290 (davebyrne22@sbcglobal.net). Or contact Mrs. Bonnie Erber at 924-3371 (berberjr@yahoo.com).

I suspect they will all need new shoes by the time May arrives.

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The art work we entered were all pieces produced in our HS darkroom. FHS winners are:

Alyssa Welch - Honorable Mention & Silver Key
Jessica Kurnat – Silver Key
Alicia Brummel – Gold Key
Kara Ingersoll – Gold Key

The 2 Gold Key pieces will go on to be judged at the National Level! Mrs. Rosenberg also sent over a 2009 calendar from Peter Hoekstra, our State Representative with the winning photo Jordan Crandell took for the July page

Also, we have 4 students who won 5 awards between them at the regional Scholastic Art Awards contest. The 2 Gold Key winners have their pieces going on to the National competition in New York!

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Consistency on start-ups and shut-down procedures. Being cohesive in preventive maintenance and making mechanical up-grades will reap benefits for the District.

Example: Burn time for 3-lamp T-8 which are in most classrooms, hallways and cafeteria areas. Reduce usage in unoccupied area by turning the lights off. Three hours, say 1,095 Annual hrs. (@\$0.05/kKh) annual cost is \$5.15 per lamp. Now if there are 15 lamps in a cafeteria, [area unoccupied] that is a savings \$77.25 per year. More as rates keep going up. Not to mention the other unoccupied areas that are ripe for a saving opportunity. Another benefit we save on is the ballast and bulb non-usage!

Commitment "The People"

They are the difference between success and failure with the Energy Program. The ones that follow thru turning-off, unplugging and making suggestions. Aug.2008 till Nov.2008 the District Saved 43,912.76 Or 27.76%.

The District had to run the buildings longer in Jan. due to freezing weather it will be a trade off. It is an offset which we have no control over due to Michigan weather. We will still always be looking for Energy Savings Opportunities.

In conclusion I can never give enough praise to all those people in the Fremont School District who keep persevering to save Energy and the positive impact on the Environment.

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Dominic Aishe, Joey Bryant, Ashley Freudenstein, Colton Gibson, Allison Goodspeed, Ian Klahre, Heidi Kunnen, Mahathi Nangavaram, Kenzi Russell, Keera Russell, Troy St. Peter, Ashley Schmidt, and Brittany Willet.

After many rounds of difficult words, our winner and runner-up emerged! We congratulate Allison Goodspeed who is our school winner and the runner up is Ashley Freudenstein.

Both girls will receive a year long subscription to the Encyclopedia Brittanica online.

Allison will be able to join other winners from across the area at Craig's Cruisers in Grand Rapids for an afternoon of celebration! Both girls will be able to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee at NCRESA on February 24th.

Congratulations Girls!!!

½ Graduation!

The 6th grade students and teachers celebrated an important day on January 16th. The 6th graders on that day were ½ way to graduation from high school. January 16th was a ½ day at the end of the 1st semester—1/2 way through the year. The students were called to the stage by listening for ½ their name, were given congratulations and best wishes by their teachers, to go along with their ½ a diploma! Then the students were treated to ½ a donut on ½ a plate, with ½ a glass of milk. ½ the tables were decorated and teachers wore ½ a graduation robe. It was a fun way to celebrate that we are ½ way there!!!

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In honor of National FFA theme "Step Up, Stand Out" the Fremont FFA is making National FFA Week all about giving back to our community. The Chapter has set up a series of community service projects throughout the city of Fremont for the members of the Fremont FFA to participate in. These activities include volunteering at the Newaygo County Recycling Center, the N.C.C.S. Food Pantry, and the Newaygo

Medical Care Facility. We are very excited to see so many of our members come together and give back to the community.

Several Fremont FFA members have experienced success this winter and we would like to recognize their achievements.

The Junior High Conduct of Meetings team consisting of Graciela Sanchez, Dusty Grabill, Jessica Pell, Mary Sovinski, Bobbi Jones, Frank Struble and Erika VanDerMeer along with Jason Smith, who competed in Job Interview, are all advancing on to Regional level as they received first place in their competitions.

Four other teams competed and received Silver Ratings at Districts. We would like to thank all the judges who dedicated their time to Districts. Marie Hruby and Jason Smith were both recognized as State Proficiency Winners for their S.A.E. programs

