

# Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

*Children are our most precious possession.*

April 2014

## Striving for Improvement

Famous boxer Oscar De La Hoya once said, "There is always space for improvement, no matter how long you've been in the business." With this in mind, the district focus group continued the strategic planning process on March 19<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, the groups discussed goal areas and possible objectives for the next 3 years.

Using data from the student and community surveys as well as input from the previous focus group meetings, the members worked to identify general goal areas as well as more specific objectives to address as we continually strive to improve. The general goal areas that were decided on by the focus group were curriculum, buildings and grounds, finances, technology, and transportation. The specific goals in these areas were:

- To create a dynamic and relevant CURRICULUM readily meeting the needs of today's diverse learner.
- Maintain campuses which reflect pride and functionality in the district's BUILDING AND GROUNDS.
- Demonstrate a responsible stewardship of the district's FINANCES for both short term as well as long term needs.
- Incorporate a modern and effective system of TECHNOLOGY throughout the district.
- Provide effective modes of TRANSPORTATION meeting the needs of all of our students.

Objectives and specific activities for each goal area will be developed to guide the improvement process over the next three years. Please feel free to e-mail [jhackney@floraschools.com](mailto:jhackney@floraschools.com) or call 618-662-2412 to provide input and suggestions on ways to continually improve.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**-Pre-Bid Meeting for New Elementary School-1:00 p.m.-FHS Auditorium

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**-District Technology Committee Meeting

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**-Spring School Pictures-District Wide

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**-Mid-term for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter/Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting at Unit Office-5:30 p.m.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**-Bid Opening for New Elementary School Construction-2:30 p.m.-FHS Auditorium

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**-Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting-Unit Office-8:45 a.m.  
Mid-Term Progress Reports go home

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**-Good Friday-No School

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**-Spring Break-No School

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**-Food Committee Meeting-11:50-Xenia

**April 23-24<sup>th</sup>**-Prairie State Achievement Exams (FHS)

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**-Flora Academic Foundation Banquet

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**-McEndree/Washington K Patriotic Program at McEndree School-1:00 p.m.