

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

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Pass Illinois' Budget

For almost two years, Illinois has operated with just a partial budget for education and a “stopgap” budget for most everything else, leading to cuts at local government entities, community service organizations and education agencies that support our families and communities. Even though education has been funded, schools and students still suffer due to the lack of certainty, inequitable funding and current unpaid bills from the state.

Our K-12 students, our college students, our working families, our sick and elderly have all been affected by depleted services. It is the job of the Governor and the Members of the General Assembly to create a comprehensive, balanced budget that supports all citizens, especially our students, our future. Please join the effort to Pass Illinois' Budget by contacting your local legislator at <http://bit.ly/2knFIIA>.

All sectors of society, including Illinois public school students, have suffered the consequences of Illinois' financial problems over the past couple decades. Schools, students, families, and communities will continue to suffer without a full state budget. Illinois owes our district \$609,451. The time to Pass Illinois' Budget is now.

More than 400 school district superintendents, representing 1.3 million students, are asking legislators to Pass Illinois' Budget. Join the effort. Write your legislator and ask her/him to pass a budget now, fix the state funding formula for K-12 schools to make it more equitable, and pay districts what they're owed. To find your local legislator, visit: https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

Number One Teacher

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week May 7th through May 13th, I encourage you to thank our teachers for all of their hard work and dedication. While we set aside a week to honor our teachers, I hope that we show our appreciation each and every day.

I'm happy that you're my teacher;
I enjoy each lesson you teach.
As my role model you inspire me
To dream and to work and to reach.□

With your kindness you get my attention;
Every day you are planting a seed
Of curiosity and motivation
To know and to grow and succeed.□

You help me fulfill my potential;
I'm thankful for all that you've done.
I admire you each day, and I just want to say,
As a teacher, you're number one!☐

By Joanna Fuchs

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 2nd-District Wide Spring Band Concert Grades 4-12-FHS

May 7th-High School Graduation

May 15th-Board of Education Meeting-Unit Office-5:30 p.m.

May 16th-Floyd Henson Junior High Graduation-7:00 p.m.

May 19th-Last Official Day of School year-12:30 p.m. dismissal