

# ANNUAL REPORT TO OUR PATRONS 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

## Note from the Superintendent

As Superintendent of the Fayetteville Public Schools, I am proud of our accomplishments in the 2010-2011 school year, and want to thank our students, teachers, administrators, support staff, and parents who work so hard for academic success every day. The future provides an increasingly important opportunity for continuing to improve as our district embraces the new challenges coming from the Common Core Standards. These new standards define the knowledge and skills students should have during their K-12 education experience so that they will graduate fully prepared for college and careers.

We have organized to meet these challenges, are providing focused professional development opportunities, and are supporting the work through a budget that places teaching and learning at the forefront. Teachers are designing an aligned curriculum and assessments based on a thorough analysis of student data to create a strategy toolkit for meeting diverse learner needs in every classroom. Our focus for the year is on "rigor, relevance, and relationships," because we know the more essential and memorable the learning, the greater the success for our students.

Sincerely,  
Vicki Thomas



## Adequate Yearly Progress

Each year the Arkansas Department of Education evaluates every public school on the progress their students have made on the Benchmark and End-of-Course exams. Here are the results for the 2010-11 school year:

**Elementary:** Five of our elementary schools met the standards for math, and four met the standards for literacy. Five of the elementary schools were ranked as Achieving, two were ranked as on Alert status, one was ranked on Whole School Improvement-Year 1, and one was ranked on Whole School Improvement-Year 3.

**Middle:** One of our middle schools was on Alert status, and one middle school was ranked as on Targeted Improvement-Year 3.

**Jr. High & High School:** One of our junior high schools was on Alert status, and one junior high school was on Whole School Improvement-Year 1. Fayetteville High School met the standards for math and literacy and was ranked as Achieving.

## Federal Programs

Here's how our 2010-11 Federal funds were used:

Title I: Economically Disadvantaged	\$2,313,941
Title II: Improving Teacher Quality	\$439,718
Title III: English Language Learners	\$81,377

### Title I

Building	Budget
Asbell	\$297,500
Butterfield	\$203,150
Happy Hollow	\$174,250
Holcomb	\$192,950
Leverett	\$203,150
Owl Creek	\$369,275
Washington	\$204,850
Holt	\$221,000

## Noteworthy from 2010-2011:

**Ramay Jr. High School** was named one of 10 Breakthrough Schools in the U.S. by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

**FPS** named in the Top 10 in the U.S. in technology by the National School Boards Association.

**Connotations**, FHS' award-winning literary magazine, won national awards from Columbia Scholastic Press and the National Council of Teachers of English.

FHS senior **Joe Kieklak** repeated as Arkansas State Extemporaneous Speaking Champion.

Eleven **FHS seniors** were named as finalists in the 2011 National Merit scholarship competition.

FHS junior **Katherine Gea** made the highest score possible on the 2010 ACT Exam.

Ramay Jr. High teacher **Victor Dreier** won a 2011 Teacher Excellence Award from the International Technology & Engineering Educators Association.

192 FHS students earned **AP Scholar honors**.

FHS sophomores **Tony Li, Matthew Wang**, and **Peter Du** took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on the 2011 Arkansas Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus exam.

**FHS teams** won state titles in girls basketball, girls golf, cheerleading, girls outdoor track, and boys indoor track.

Ramay Jr. High nurse **Robin Wyckoff** was named the 2011 Northwest Arkansas School Nurse of the Year.

FHS athletes **Brad Culp** and **Stephen Soerens** took 1st and 2nd place in the 2011 Arkansas Decathlon, marking the first time two athletes from the same school finished 1st and 2nd.

FPS won a **Golden Achievement Award** from the National School PR Association for the 2010 millage communication campaign.

FPS students selected in the 2011 **Duke Talent ID Program** represented 5% of the total selected from Arkansas.

Holcomb art teacher **Holly Dottley** was named the 2010 Art Educator of the Year by the Arkansas Art Educators Association.

## Fayetteville Board of Education

The Fayetteville Board of Education organized on October 28, 2010, following the annual school election and elected the following officers:

*Susan Heil, president*  
*Tim Hudson, vice president*  
*Jim Halsell, secretary/disbursement officer*  
*Bryn Bagwell*  
*Justin Eichmann*  
*Steve Percival*  
*Becky Purcell*

## State Reporting Requirements

**Accreditation:** All Fayetteville Public Schools were fully accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Soft Drink Revenue:** The Fayetteville School District received \$50,000 in soft drink revenue in the 2010-2011 school year. The money was distributed to district schools based on enrollment.

## District Budget

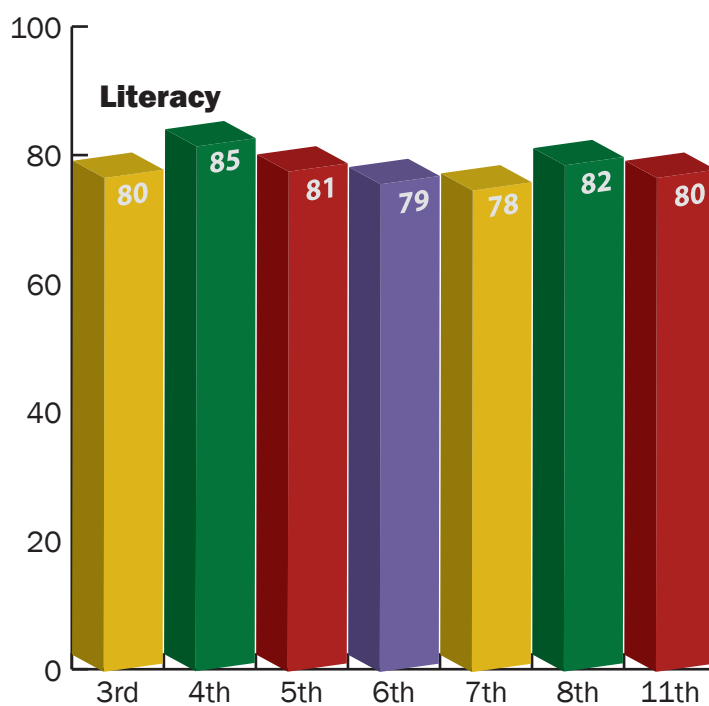
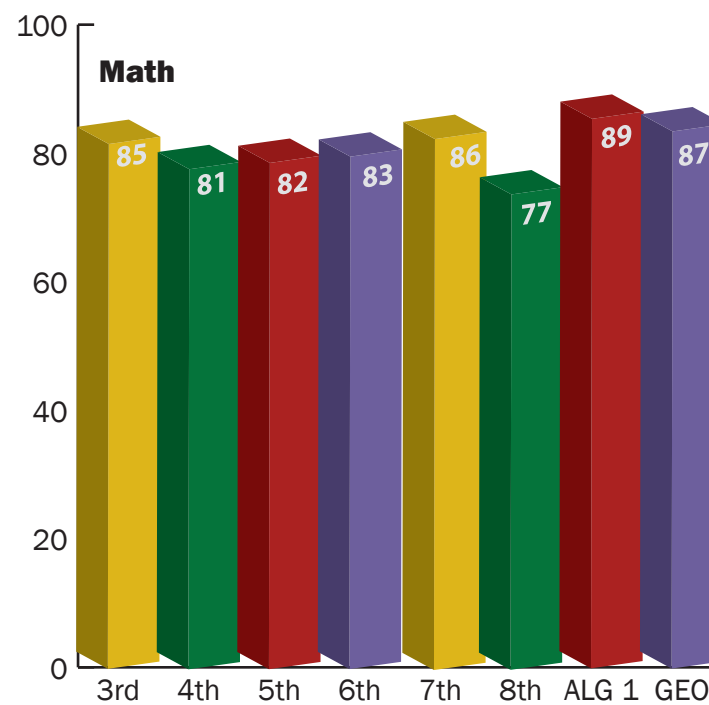
Here is the district budget for the 2010-11 school year:

Revenue	
Property Tax Reserve	\$3,000,000
21C Fund	\$900,000
Capital Funds for FHS Phase I	\$2,278,635
Restricted Carryforwards	\$2,712,502
State Funds	\$22,705,524
Local Funds	\$55,034,303
Interest on checking account	\$75,000
Fed Funds/Grants/Restricted	\$11,344,586
Vocational Education	\$27,000
Coke Contract	\$50,000
Athletic Gate Receipts	\$125,000
E-rate	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$130,000
Food Service sales	\$1,463,104
Reserve	\$5,281,200
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Reserve:</b>	<b>\$105,126,854</b>
Expenditures	
Salaries	\$58,051,410
Fringe Benefits	\$14,512,853
Debt Service Payments	\$11,020,000
Maintenance & Operations:	
Maintenance	\$1,230,755
Utilities	\$1,673,899
Transportation	\$846,873
Food Service	\$1,054,183
Technology	\$469,614
Curriculum & Instruction	\$1,569,423
School Improv/Prog. Devlp.	\$235,422
Athletics/Physical Education	\$323,926
Grant Expenditures (not personnel)	\$2,195,794
Miscellaneous	\$405,000
Tuition	\$44,000
C21 Curriculum	\$500,000
Capital Expense	\$0
Reserve	\$5,281,200
Unrestricted Carryforward	\$3,000,000
Restricted Carryforward	\$2,712,502
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Reserve:</b>	<b>\$105,126,854</b>

## Benchmark Testing

As indicated by the charts below, our students performed very well on the Arkansas Benchmark Tests, given in grades 3 through 8, and on end-of-course exams given in Algebra 1 and Geometry. All grade levels scored above expected performance in literacy and math.

The charts below show the percentage of students whose scores were proficient and advanced.



## Challenges & Opportunities

### Curriculum Design:

The effective and timely use of data is critically important in helping us make informed decisions about our instructional strategies. Teachers are learning to use the MAP data to drive instruction, monitor and adjust. Our goal for the 2011-12 school year is to tie together the data analysis and new instructional techniques that incorporate model lessons and assessments that focus on high rigor and relevance.

### Fayetteville High School Transformation:

Phase 1 is well underway. Both the new performing arts center and the new gymnasium should both be enclosed before the winter weather arrives, which will allow most work to continue. Phase 1 should be complete by August of 2012, and Phase 2 is scheduled to be ready by August of 2015.



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