

FLINT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Flint Families,

When it comes to your children’s education, your voice means everything to us. Flint Community Schools is nothing without the community that it serves. To that end, the district today announced the launch of community forum meetings, which will begin the week of November 29 and run through mid-December. The community forum meetings will be used to gather input to determine the use of \$99 million in ESSER III funds as well as potential grant funding that FCS has been invited to apply for from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to help create a bright future for Flint kids.

The community forums are a part of a long-term district initiative called “Future Focused: Renovating, Rebuilding, Re-energizing.” There will be 12 community forums throughout the district to start. All forums are open to the public with sessions set to run for two hours. Participants can join in-person while following safety protocols, virtually via Zoom or share their input by filling out a Google form survey, where responses will be shared with the district. Zoom links will be available within 24-hours of scheduled community forums on the district website (FlintSchools.org).

The schedule for community forums is:

- **Tuesday, November 30, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at Freeman Elementary (4001 Ogema, Flint, MI)
- **Wednesday, December 1, 2021, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** at Southwestern Classical Academy (1420 W. 12th St., Flint, MI)
- **Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at Accelerated Learning Academy (G2138 W. Carpenter Rd., Flint, MI)
- **Friday, December 3, 2021, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** at Pierce Elementary (1101 W. Vernon Dr., Flint, MI)
- **Monday, December 6, 2021, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** at Doyle-Ryder Elementary (1040 Saginaw St.) and Potter Elementary (2500 N. Averill Ave.)
- **Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at Brownell STEM Academy (6302 Oxley Dr., Flint, MI) and Holmes STEM Academy (6602 Oxley Dr., Flint, MI)
- **Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at Durant-Tuuri-Mott Elementary (1518 University Ave., Flint, MI)
- **Friday, December 10, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at Neithercut Elementary (2010 Crestbrook Ln, Flint, MI)
- **Monday, December 13, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at Eisenhower Elementary (1235 Pershing St., Flint, MI)
- **Tuesday, December 14, 2021, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** at the district administration building (923 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI)

Each community forum meeting will ask participants the following questions:

- How can FCS use COVID-19/ESSER funds to ensure initiatives and interventions address the academic learning loss of scholars?
- How should FCS use COVID-19/ESSER funds to renovate the schools to create a cleaner, safer learning environment?
- As it pertains to the future of FCS, would you like the district to invest in building new schools in the community? What components would you like to see in a new school (i.e. sports complex, library, gymnasium, fine arts spaces, etc.)?
- What innovative programs and services would you like to see FCS offer in a new state-of-the-art elementary school?
- What innovative programs and services would you like to see FCS offer in a new state-of-the-art middle school?
- What innovative programs and services would you like to see FCS offer in a new state-of-the-art high school?

Future Focused: Renovating, Rebuilding, Re-energizing takes a community, grass-roots approach to gather community input using the Community Engagement Design Model. The model includes four components:

- **Structured Community Conversations**—gathering a high-level vision of community needs and aspirations
- **Collective Impact Advisory Committee**—operationalizes community voice and engages partners to advise and support the Board of Education
- **Committee Chairs and Superintendent**—listens to the community and reviews recommendations from the Advisory Committee, and makes recommendations to the Board of Education
- **FCS School Board**—reviews all data points and makes final decisions for the district, and works with the district to direct implementation

Community forums are scheduled to conclude by mid-December and the Community Advisory Committee plans to hold their first meeting by the end of the year. The district conducted outreach to several organizations with an invitation to join the advisory committee, which included parents, teachers, health professionals, community leaders and partners.

To remain up to date on “Future Focused: Renovating, Rebuilding, Re-energizing,” regularly visit the district website at [FlintSchools.org](https://flintschools.org). As always, thank you for partnering with Flint Community Schools as we strive to provide scholars with a safe place to learn, grow and play. We look forward to working closely with you in this effort.

Educationally Yours,

Kevelin Jones
Superintendent