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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Contact: M.W. Chrispin, Superintendent

Re: Participation Fees Changed

Date: 8 OCT 13

Last evening, the Fredericktown Board of Education acted to decrease Participation Fees effective this school year. The previous schedule had HS participants paying \$200 and MS participants \$140. Now, fees will be \$100 across the board. Those who paid fees for fall athletics and cheerleading will either receive a credit or refund for the overage.

The change comes after a comparative study of the districts in the Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference and the district's past and current collection efforts. "This district has always valued the benefits afforded students who participate in extra-curricular programs," stated Superintendent Matt Chrispin. "Once we took a look at the numbers, we discovered we could meet the district's budget while providing relief to our parents." "My hope is the economy and the state's budget stabilize so we can consider how to enhance these meaningful opportunities for students rather than struggling to maintain the bare minimum."

NEW POLICY

Participation fees will be assessed at \$100 per HS and MS athletics, band and cheerleading. Those participating in two activities in the same season will only pay one fee. The Athletic Director will collect fees. In order to participate in the first contest, fees must be paid in full. Participation fees may not be waived; however, those with special circumstances may petition the Athletic Director to be placed on an agreed upon payment plan.

All fees must be paid in full prior to students purchasing prom tickets and/or participating in graduation.