

From the Helm of the Ship

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Gym Project

Last May's flood caused several problems in Farragut. At the school it flooded our locker-rooms, storage rooms and seeped under the gym floor. Before the flood I was considering having the "dead" spots fixed on the gym floor. Now, after the water dried out of the floor, I have expressed the floor's condition to having more "dead" spots than "alive" ones.

Three companies looked at the condition of the floor and none of them would attempt to repair it. The board took bids and has chosen Franks Contracting from Pleasant Hill, Iowa to replace the gym floor. The project will start on March 3rd and should be completed by April 6 (depending on the needs of the concrete under the floor).

The board has selected to use SILO, 1% sales tax revenue to pay for this project. No general fund dollars or property taxes will be used.

The old gym floor will be dismantled at the beginning of March and the PTO will be selling off sections of the floor with a commemorative inscription starting in April. The proceeds will go to new Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) fund.

I hope to see you at the Farragut School Blood Drive on March 7 from noon until 6:00 p.m.

HVAC - Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning

What is commonly called HVAC is another project that the board has been working on for over two years. The current heating system is over forty years old. New federal and state requirements cause yearly updating to a system that is increasingly hard to find parts to fix.

This fall, the board hired Kucirek Engineering to develop a plan to heat and cool the elementary, high school and heat only the gyms. They are currently working on this endeavor to develop plans to send out to bids. When bids are received from the contractors, the price of the project will be known. At that time, the board will also be able to refine the plans to add or delete items as they deem necessary.

Once again, it is the aim of the board to use SILO, 1% sales tax revenue to fund this project over time. In March, a Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) application will be sent to the state that would provide a bond interest free.

These projects will help ensure that the Farragut buildings will be used for years to come!

Spring Pictures

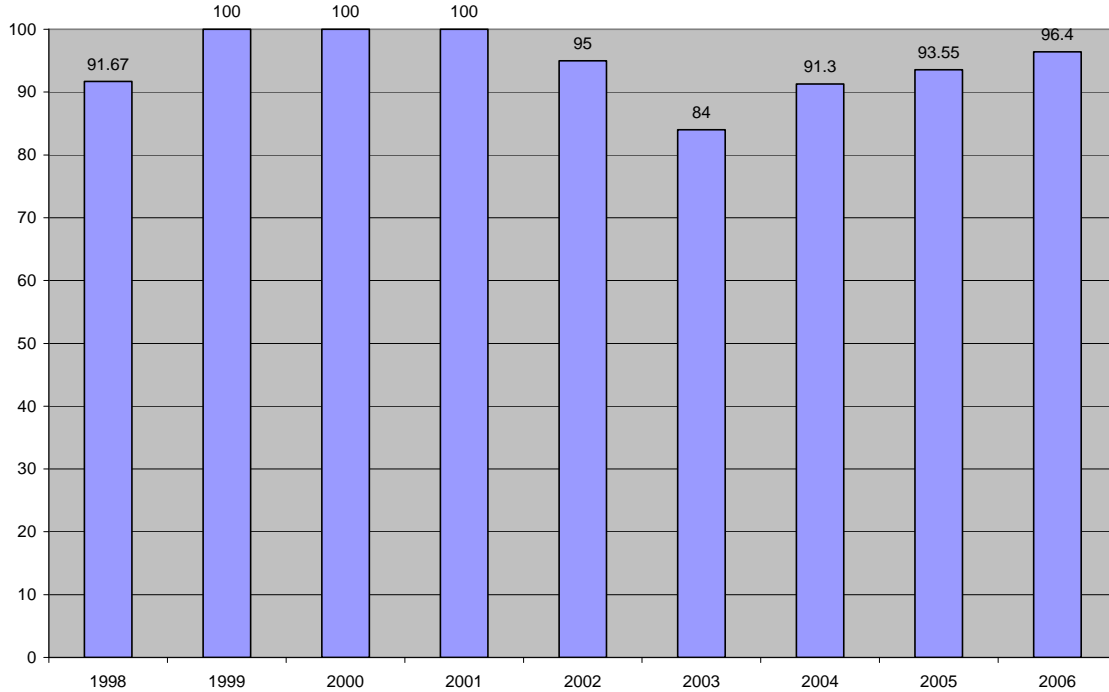
Spring Picture day will be held on March 4, 2008. Non-school age students can have their picture taken from 8 to 8:30. PK-11th grade students will come down with their class. There will be two cameras set up for photographs.



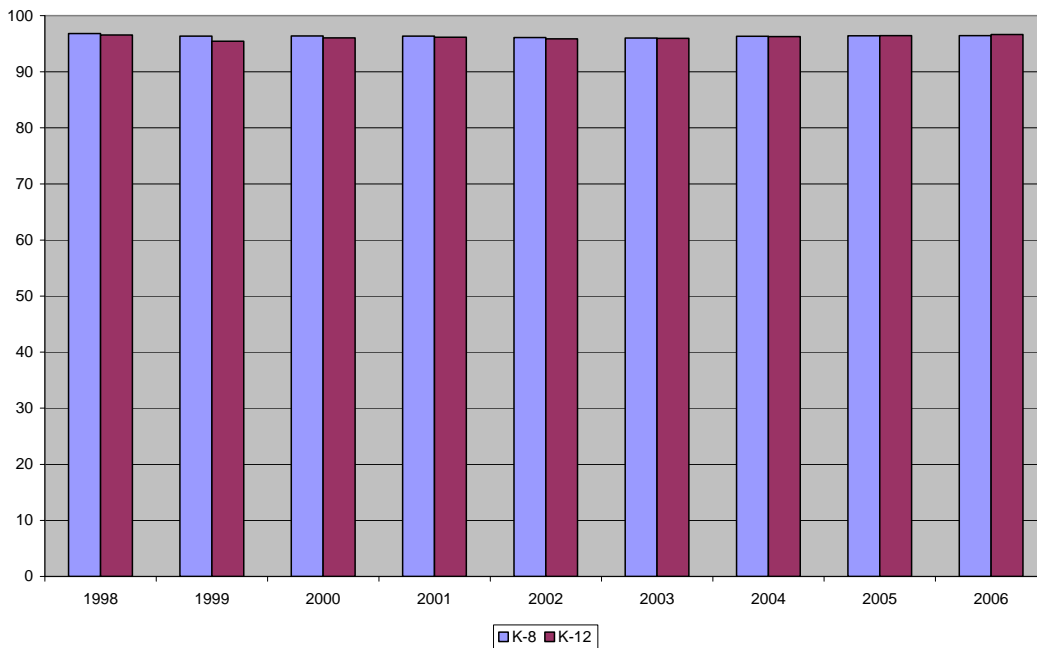
ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT DATA 1998-2007

Graduation Rates The high school graduation rate is calculated by dividing the number of high school graduates in a given year by the estimated number of 9th graders four years previous. The estimated 9th grade enrollment is the sum of the number of high school graduates in that year and dropouts over the four series year period. More specifically: The total dropouts include the number of dropouts in grade 9 in year 1, the number of dropouts in grade 10 in year 2, the number of dropouts in grade 11 in year 3, and the number of dropouts in grade 12 in year 4. Iowa high school graduation rate in year 4 equals the number of public high school regular diploma recipients in year 4 divided by the number of high school regular diploma recipients in year 4 plus the sum of dropouts in grades 9 through 12 from years 1 through 4 respectively.

Farragut Graduation Rate



Attendance Rate



Both graphs exceed the state average.