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**Thornton Fractional District 215 Announces Cosmetology/Barber Program for 2021-2022 School Year**

**Lansing, IL-** Next fall, a cohort of up to 22 Thornton Fractional High School District 215 juniors will become the inaugural class of the district's new cosmetology and barbering program. The program will be housed at Thornton Fractional North High School, and graduates of the program will be eligible to attain a professional license in cosmetology or barbering. Students will complete 1500 clinical hours as part of the program, and will spend weekday mornings in the studio, as well as some weekends and summer hours.

At their March 23, 2021 regular meeting, the District 215 Board of Education approved a bid to begin construction on the cosmetology and barbering studio. The studio will be built in an unused space at the school that was formerly an auto shop before the auto mechanics program was moved to Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology. Students from the district's other campuses that are selected for the program will be bussed to T.F. North from their home schools.

The new program will emphasize essential salon and barbering services and techniques, business strategies such as customer service, client retention, salon retailing, target marketing and people skills. The first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year will be devoted to theory and practices in a classroom setting.

District 215 will hold an informational meeting via Zoom at 6 p.m. on April 15 for current sophomores interested in learning more about the program, which requires a two-year commitment. Applicants wishing to be considered for a spot in the program must complete the online application no later than April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students interested in pursuing a career as a stylist, barber, nail technician, or wig maker will be encouraged to apply. District 215 students interested in attending the informational session and/or applying for the program should contact John Robinzine, principal of T.F. Center for Academics and Technology (jrobinzine@tfd215.org).

**About Thornton Fractional High School District 215:** District 215 serves the students of Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, and Lynwood at Thornton Fractional North High School, Thornton Fractional South High School, Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology, and Thornton Fractional Center for Alternative Learning. The mission of District 215 is to provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community.

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