

THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS

District 215

A PARTNERSHIP OF EXPECTATIONS

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Dear TFD 215 Parents:

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year! This school year marks another opportunity to help every student realize the promise of a high quality education.

To ensure that we offer a rigorous academic program, we will continue implementing our instructional framework which includes the pacing of instruction, alignment of content, course syllabi, and lesson plans.

We will also continue to offer double periods of Math and English for students in grade nine, using both remediation and enrichment to meet their individual academic needs. The scope of supportive after school offerings, the Credit Recovery program and the Freshman Academy program at TF Center will continue. Students in the Freshman Academy will now be required to wear uniforms and will participate in a 7 period school day that begins at 9:25 AM and includes a more core academically focused curriculum.

While these initiatives demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that all of our students are achieving academically, we will continue to provide sports, music, art and all of our current extracurricular activities at the same levels.

We have established a direct link to guidance counselors at our high schools to ensure even better educational and career services for our students. These planned initiatives will promote increased post-graduation options for our students. We are also undergoing expansion and remodeling of the Student Services offices at both TFN and TFS to offer even more comprehensive services to students and parents.

While we have maintained progress on the PSAE in Math and Reading, a number of challenges remain. We must work together to help both schools achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) by increasing the number of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels on the PSAE and increase our composite scores on the ACT. The achievements made in maintaining AYP in the number of test takers, and the graduation and attendance rates remain outstanding. The work that has begun in these areas must be continued and strengthened this year.

We look forward to meeting and working with you to ensure that our students receive the highest quality of education.

Thank you!



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"To provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community".