Over the last several months, the Master Facilities Planning Committee studied options for the renovation, remodeling, or rebuilding of the schools in the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools District. Led by a team from Then Design Architect group and Hammond Construction, the regional representative for the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), the Committee was charged with determining what plan would provide the optimal learning environment for our students. To assist in the planning process, the Committee toured current buildings in the District while reviewing the assessment for each facility. Additionally, the Committee toured recently constructed buildings in North Ridgeville City School and North Olmsted City School Districts.

After much discussion, the Committee determined that it would be financially and educationally sound to build a building on the Bolich/Newberry campus to house the District’s 6th- through 12th-grade students. Currently, the sequence of construction would be:

- Demo Newberry Elementary
- Relocate Laybourne Field and construct a new 5,000-seat stadium to house football, soccer, and track
- Construct the 6th- through 8th-grade portion of the building
- Move students from Roberts Middle School and Bolich Middle School into the newly constructed portion of the facility
- Demo the current Bolich Middle School
- Construct the 9th- through 12th-grade portion of the new facility complete with a new 1,400 seat auditorium with a 200 seat “black box”
- Move the students into the new facility

These steps would be considered Segment One of a two segment Master Facilities Plan. It is important to note the current Cuyahoga Falls High School as well as Roberts Middle School would remain and be used as “swing space” while the Committee reconvenes to discuss Segment Two which will address the District’s Kindergarten through 5th-grade students. The discussions surrounding Segment Two will likely take place as Segment One moves closer to completion. It is also important to note that no decisions regarding Segment Two have been made.

To determine the millage rate, the District will be in consultation with our Bond Counsel, Underwriter, and County Fiscal Officers. Further, the OFCC requires the addition of one half mill to be deposited into a maintenance fund for the new facility. And, the Board of Education is in discussion about additional operating millage. All financial information will be shared at the end of July and is based upon OFCC and Board decisions.

Please follow the District’s website at www.cfalls.org for information as the plans become more finalized.

On May 17, 536 students from Bolich Middle School made an impact in their community! For the third year, students participated in the Bolich Gives Back Day. They did some spring planting at local retirement homes, they cleaned up litter and debris from various parks around the City, they visited fire stations and washed trucks and helped clean out their garage bays, they volunteered at a number of animal shelters. These are just a few of the 21 projects that the students from Bolich participated in throughout the day. Between teachers, faculty, and students, 594 total people were involved in amassing 1,188 hours of community service in just one day!

The Bolich Gives Back Day is inspired by President George H.W. Bush who was the founder of Points of Light. This organization believes in creating a society where it is easy to take action by strengthening existing networks, creating pervasive calls to act, and advocate for infrastructure. According to the Points of Light website, “Now more than ever, people are looking within themselves to find the inspiration, creativity, and sustained energy to make change. The key to unlocking the light within us is to ensure that people feel empowered to act on their unique desire to stand up and say, ‘I can help.’”

Congratulations to the Bolich students for making an impact!

There’s never been a better time to become involved in your local schools. Go to cfalls.org and learn how you can help. Go Black Tigers!
CFHS 2019 Graduates: Another Million Dollar Class!

Over the past few years we have been highlighting the amazing graduating classes from CFHS. This year is no different! Our students (reported) have earned over $1.36 million in scholarships! Besides the various places of higher-education that awarded some of our students with these scholarships, there are a number of local organizations that have also contributed to this million dollar class. The CFSFAA alone presented our students with 75 scholarships totaling $185,000! Some of the other organizations that support our schools include the Black Tiger Gridiron Club that presented five scholarships totaling $7,000; the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce presented two $1,500 scholarships to CFHS grads; the PTA awarded 29 Scholarships totaling $17,000; the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club presented four scholarships valued at $7,500 to our students.

Another successful year for the CFHS graduates! Congratulations to all of the Class of 2019! We look forward to hearing about all of the amazing things you will accomplish in your bright futures!

Remembering the Past Brings Pride to the Future

Special Profile Section:

In the CFCSD, one of the top priorities is to strengthen Black Tiger Pride throughout the District. With PBIS, Top Tigers, and Friends of Education initiatives, to name just a few, we believe this Pride can spread community-wide.

Over the years, the CFSFAA has done a lot of great things for the CFCS. One of those things is recognizing our Distinguished Alumni with an annual reception. The first recognition of ten Distinguished Alumni was announced in 1985. Since that time, 120 alumni have been honored.

Jessica Wallis, Class of 2000

After graduating from CFHS, Wallis attended and graduated from the University of Akron in 2003, earning a degree in Education. After graduating, Wallis worked as a long-term substitute at various schools as well as volunteering with a number of organizations as a tutor for reading, writing, and mathematics. In 2006, Wallis was hired as a 3rd-grade teacher in Solon, and she began working toward her Master's Degree which she earned in 2010.

In 2012, Wallis “retired” from teaching to pursue her passion for dance and began Ballet in the City. This organization presents celebrated professional ballet dancers for performances and educational opportunities around the country. In 2014, Wallis partnered with CFHS in helping develop the Art, Media & Design den.

Throughout her career Wallis has presented ballets at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington D.C., founded scholarships for African American dancers, and collaborates with Akron Children’s Concert to present programming to local preschool children exposing them to music and dance. In 2015, she moved Ballet in the City to Cuyahoga Falls and loves giving back to the Cuyahoga Falls community.

Student Wins Chevy Cruze

Congratulations to 2019 CFHS graduate Peyton Keller for being the lucky winner of the 2019 Black Metallic Chevrolet Cruze from The Chevy Network and Serpentini Chevrolet of Tallmadge! A total of 14 prizes were awarded to the lucky community members that purchased the raffle tickets. Prizes ranged from Indians tickets for four to prizes and gift certificates for various businesses from the Cuyahoga Falls community. Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will support the CF PTSA scholarship fund, Principal’s Account, PBIS, and other various groups around the school.

Thank you to everyone that participated in this awesome opportunity to help raise funds for our students.

Businesses Showing Their Black Tiger Pride!

As you are driving around town, it is great to see the “We Are Black Tigers” yard signs and others that show support of Black Tiger athletes and hand members throughout the neighborhoods.

Something else that is awesome is seeing our local businesses sporting their Black Tiger Pride flags in their windows, or messages of support on their signs. One example of this show of Pride is on the Klein’s Pharmacy digital sign on the corner of State Rd. and Broad Blvd. (See picture above)

We are on the hunt for other businesses that are out there showing their Black Tiger Pride!

The CFCSD appreciates the support!

5th Annual BOFT Golf Outing

On July 29, The Building Our Future Together levy committee is hosting their 5th annual golf outing fund-raiser at Silver Lake Country Club. Registration for the four-person, 18-hole scramble starts at 8:00am with a shotgun start at 9:00am. The cost is $380 per foursome and includes a box lunch and steak dinner. Various sponsorship levels are available. If you are interested in golfing, becoming a sponsor, or making a financial or door-prize donation, please contact Joe Bagatti at 216-313-7071, or joebagatti@yahoo.com.

Show Your Black Tiger Pride!

As a part of the CFCS’s goal to embrace all newly enrolled students to the District, Black Tiger Pride signs are free and available to kindergarteners and students who register at the central office. A limited number of these signs are also available at the main office of each of the schools throughout the District.