

Partners

Schools, business winning team



Now in its third year, the Farmington Public Schools Community Partnership Advisory Council is dedicated to bringing the schools and local businesses closer together and inspiring them to share talents and resources. Direct queries to Betty Wolford, School/Community Relations, at 489-3349.



About partnerships: Farmington High teacher Ann Sutchek (left) and Carol Shefman, EduMentor coordinator, share ideas for developing partnerships.

Q. Why are partnerships important to Farmington Public School?

A. Partnerships bring schools, community and business together to share resources in mutually beneficial activities that improve the educational process and promote lifelong learning.

They promote understanding, communication, cooperation and appreciation between the school district and the community. They create a climate of involvement and interaction between the community and the schools that benefits all.

Q. What is Farmington Public Schools doing to develop partnerships?

A. The district formed an advisory council with representatives from business, community organizations, local government, students and school personnel. The Council meets monthly to coordinate district activities and act as an advisory committee.

Under their guidance, the district has:

- Produced a video for teachers, business and community groups which shows the kinds of partnership activities going on in Farmington schools.
- Printed and distributed a brochure explaining how business and community members can become involved.
- Sought interested community and business members willing to work with teachers in their classrooms in a variety of activities.
- Published and distributed "Partners in Education" resource materials to all teachers which includes a book listing potential local partners.
- Developed and conducted teacher workshops to share ideas and give practical suggestions for partnership activities.
- Instituted a Partners Wall of Fame to recognize and honor noteworthy partners.
- Have these activities affected partner participation in the schools?

A. In response to a survey conducted by the Advisory Council, principals described over 75 individual partnerships taking place throughout the district. They also indicated that more activities are being planned.

Q. Is the district continuing to encourage business and community members to get involved?

A. Definitely. Interested business and community members may call School/Community Relations at 489-3349 for more information. Copies of the partnership video are also available through either the school district or the Chamber of Commerce at 474-3440.

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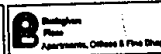
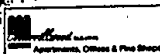
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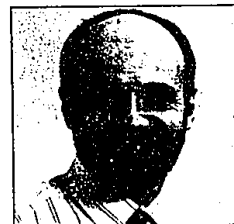
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