FAIRBORN DIGITAL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our school year is now one quarter over, and we are excited about the progress of our students! A number of our students have already graduated, as we are a continuous progress school. When students complete the state required courses and meet all testing requirements, they are eligible to graduate. Each year, we have two ceremonies to celebrate our graduates. Those who complete requirements during the first semester will have a ceremony on January 21, 2027. This ceremony will be held at Wright State University in the Student Union's Apollo Room.

As we begin the second quarter, our staff are helping students focus on making progress through coursework and completing district assessments. These assessments are given twice a year and are used by the state of Ohio to measure student growth and as a measure of success. If your student has not completed these assessments, please schedule a time for her/him to come in and complete them.

Included in this letter is a copy of your student's Quarter One Progress Report, along with an explanation. By the end of the first quarter, your student should have completed a minimum of 3 classes to be on track to complete the 12 classes we expect everyone to complete each school year. This means each student will earn 6 credits for the school year (each class is 0.5 credits). Every student must complete a minimum of 6 hours of work per weekday, for a total of 30 hours of work each week. Each lesson should take approximately 1 hour, which equals a minimum of 30 lessons per week. If you do not know how to check progress in our software for your student, please schedule an appointment to meet with their coach. The coaches can show you how to sit down with your student and verify exactly what they did each day and how much time they have been spending on the courses.

Students who are not meeting the desired performance indicators will be required to have a meeting with their coach and parent to discuss a new plan for success. Your student's coach will call to make an appointment for this meeting.

Have a job and struggling to keep your hours up? Students who are currently employed should reach out to Assistant Principal Courtney Patrick to discuss Fairborn Digital Academy's Work Based Learning Program. For the 2025-26 school year, students earned a combined total of 232(.5) credits and 21,721 attendance hours! Mrs. Patrick can be contacted at cpatrick@fairborndigital.us or 937-308-6193.

FDA's College Credit Plus program is looking for students interested in taking college classes. This program allows students to take classes at Sinclair Community College, Wright State University, or Clark State for both college and high school credit. If you are interested in this program, please contact Melissa Gillis, (937-879-0511, or mgillis@fairborndigital.us), our guidance counselor, for more details.

It is very important that you keep a strong line of communication open with your student's accountability coach. You should be speaking with them at least weekly to make sure you are aware of any successes, or concerns. Please remember the student's best supports are those in their home.

Please make sure you have set up your ParentSquare Account. As a district, this app is utilized to communicate important building information, such as closures and drills.

On Thursday, November 5 at 5:00, we will be holding a meeting to discuss our peanut allergy policy and IDEA. We welcome all parents to come out to provide input and ask questions.

Every year, each school must notify parents and students of their Positive Behavior Intervention, Restraint and Seclusion policy (6.46), the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying policy (9.29) and the Religious Exemption Days policy (6.65). These policies, and all FDA policies, can be found on our website at https://www.fairborndigital.us/governance.

At the October board meeting, FDA will approve the annual report for the 2025-26 school year. This report can also be found on the Governance page of the FDA website, or in our main office.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 879-0511 if you have any questions, concerns, or if there is anything we can do to help your student succeed. Also, please visit our website at http://fairborndigital.us. You may also like us on FaceBook to receive updates about our school.

Sincerely,

Jessica Biggers
Principal of Fairborn Digital Academy