

Fremont City Schools on track with Race to the Top

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FREMONT -- The Fremont City Schools board of education heard an update on the district's Race to The Top progress Monday, as the district continues to implement the four-year plan aimed at improving student achievement, utilizing technology in the classroom and encouraging professional development.

Superintendent Traci McCaudy said the district had recently turned in a professional development plan to the Ohio Department of Education as part of its Race to the Top funding requirements.

The district is in its second year of the four-year plan.

"The good news is we're meeting each and every goal given the timeline of the Race to the Top plan," McCaudy said after Monday's school board meeting.

Denice Hirt, district director of curriculum, assessment and staff development, said there is a staff professional development day scheduled for Dec. 22.

The district learned earlier this year it would see an increase of close to \$20,000 in its Race to the Top grant funding, which was slated to be about \$400,000 over a four-year period.

The state's four-year Race to the Top goals include increasing annual high school graduation rates, reducing graduation rate and performance gaps by 50 percent, slicing the gap between Ohio and the best-performing states in the nation by 50 percent and more than doubling the increase in college enrollment for 18- and 19-year-olds.

In other business Monday, the board canceled its Dec. 19 meeting because of its proximity to the Christmas holiday, but will still meet Dec. 5.

The dedication ceremony for the new Fremont Middle School building is at 11 a.m. Dec. 15 with a public open house scheduled later that day from 3 to 6 p.m.