To the Learning Community of Fort Dorchester High School,

As we wrap up another exciting and successful year at FDHS, we are reminded of when the doors opened in 1992 to the first Patriots. The physical plant of FDHS has changed a great deal. Most recently we opened an almost 18,000 square foot addition which included a space that doubled the size of our cafeteria, added 6 standard classrooms, a dance studio and a state of the art Black Box Theater.

Our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme has been recognized as one of the strongest in the state. Students score well on Advanced Placement exams. Our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, or Patriot Academy, has seen great success in reducing the number of 9<sup>th</sup> grade course failures and a drastic reduction in student disciplinary incidents over previous years. Our student athletes have fought hard to earn many state titles and bring great pride to 'The Fort'.

We have expanded our Project Lead the Way engineering programs to include Aerospace Engineering. Health Science has rejoined FDHS and in the next school year we will have a newly renovated Barbering lab as well as a full Cosmetology classroom. Our students continue to win awards and bring great pride to FDHS.

The commitment to the academic success of all of our students is stronger than ever. Our teachers and staff are dedicated to seeing every student earn academic success and commit to graduate in 4 academic years. Together with our faculty, staff, students, parents and business partner support, we will continue to "prepare all students to reach their maximum potential in our rapidly changing and increasingly complex world".

Thank you,

Bert Postell, Principal