Lexington <u>Staff Update</u> November 21, 2017

From the office of the Treasurer...

All Staff.

Reminder - November and December is the
 Open Enrollment Period for health, dental, and vision insurance for a January 1st effective date.

 Employees who wish to add, change, or terminate health coverage may do so by contacting Kathy by December 31st.

Professional Leave Tips

If you have expenses, list these expenses on the Professional Leave form in Kiosk as an estimate. When you return, fill in the "Actual" column for your true expenses, have your supervisor sign, and return the form to the Treasurer's Office.

Also, just as a reminder, a Kiosk entry does not register you for the actual meeting/conference. This only tells us you want to attend. You will still need to register after the request is approved.

Flex Spending:

A reminder as you plan for the remainder of the calendar year that flex spending for 2018 resets beginning on January 1, 2018 and runs through December 31, 2018. Any amounts remaining from 2017, up to \$500, will be carried over to your 2018 flex spending amounts. If you have any questions regarding flex spending, please contact Kathy.

Insurance Rates:

Everyone should have received an e-mail from Kathy on November 17th regarding insurance rates effective January 1, 2018. As in the past, one-half of the premium will be deducted from each pay per month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Treasurer's Office.



Facilities Communications:

Building Tours

The first round of building tours throughout the District were held on November 13th, 14th, and 15th. The tours were a great opportunity to see the behind-the-scenes condition of our buildings, and the challenges our maintenance staff overcome every day. The tours were well attended and very successful overall. Additional tours will take place in the Spring.

Community Facilities Meeting

On December 5, 2017, at 6:30 pm, a Community Meeting to discuss school facilities planning will be held in the high school auditorium.

Please consider attending this important meeting as we would love to have as many Lexington staff attend this meeting as possible! We would also appreciate encouraging parents, friends, neighbors, and family members to attend as well to help ensure a large turnout and cross section of our community to make this process as successful as possible.

Useful? Information:

Thanksgiving Fun Facts:

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle;
- The NFL started the Thanksgiving Classic games in 1920 and since then the Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys have hosted games on Thanksgiving. In 2006, a third game was added with different teams hosting;
- The average turkey for Thanksgiving weighs 15 pounds;
- Only male turkeys gobble;
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*, weighs 86 pounds.



Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends!!