



Weekly Update from Superintendent
Dr. Mary Catherine Reljac



As the 2022-2023 school year gets underway, we want to remind parents and guardians about our partnership with Care Solace, which provides an added layer of mental health resources for our school community.

Care Solace helps individuals find mental health care providers and substance use treatment centers. Its Care Companion team is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year.

Care Solace services can be accessed in three ways:

- Parents/guardians can call (888) 515-0595 at any time. Support is available in more than 200 languages. A Care Companion will help individuals research options and secure appointments, as well as follow up on a care plan.
- Parents/guardians can do a confidential search at www.caresolace.com/foxchapel to get matched with a list of care providers
- A Fox Chapel Area staff member can refer a student (with parent/guardian permission) through the school counseling office.

Care Solace is available at no cost to our school community. Its professionals will connect individuals with providers accepting all medical insurances, including Medicaid and Medicare.

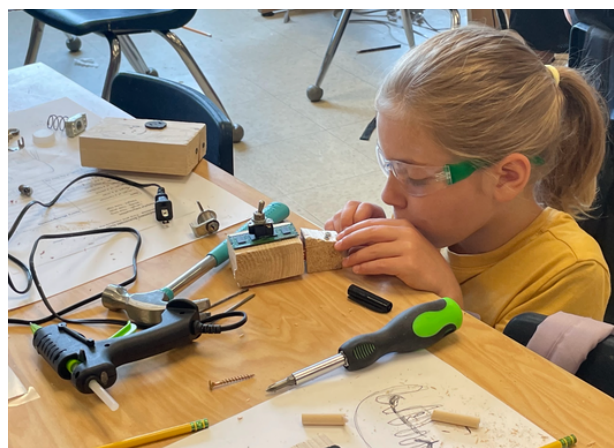
To learn more about Care Solace, please visit www.caresolace.org.

FCASD RECEIVES GRANT TO LEAD STEM INITIATIVE

The Fox Chapel Area School District was named a recipient of a \$480,000 PAsmart Advancing Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Education to support quality opportunities and experiences for students in STEM disciplines.

Fox Chapel Area will oversee the creation and implementation of the "STEM A.C.E.S." initiative in partnership with six other school districts in Western Pennsylvania.

The initiative has four main objectives:
A: Increase Access to quality digital fabrication learning experiences;



C: Cultivate a Cohort of educators to increase sustainability and success;
E: Increase Efficacy in the facilitation of STEM learning and teaching; and
S: Increase STEM opportunities,

especially among underrepresented students.

The STEM A.C.E.S. initiative is expected to encompass nearly 200 educators and more than 5,600 students in the region.

A LENS ON LEARNING



Students in Mrs. Jen Klein's AP U.S. Government and Politics class at Fox Chapel Area High School celebrated "Articles of Confederation Simulation Day," which allowed them to play the role of state delegates, debate a number of problems of the era, and discuss how a new form of government was needed.

KEY EVENTS

- 9/2: DMS Early Dismissal
- 9/5: Labor Day - No School
- 9/8: HS Open House
- 9/9: HS Early Dismissal
- 9/12: HW Picture Day
- 9/12: School Board Meeting

Complete details: www.fcasd.edu

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