

# THE FW INSIDER

## DR. KEVIN STOLTZFUS NAMED NEXT FLOWING WELLS SUPERINTENDENT



During the February 23rd Governing Board Meeting, the Flowing Wells Governing Board appointed Dr. Kevin Stoltzfus to the position of superintendent, to become effective July 1, 2021. Dr. Stoltzfus currently serves as associate superintendent for Educational Services, in which he oversees curriculum, assessment, school improvement, technology, and maintenance. He began his career in 1997 as an English teacher at Flowing Wells Junior High, and he also served in the Career Ladder program and as Director of Professional Development. Regarding the transition, Dr. Stoltzfus stated, "I am honored to serve the Flowing Wells students, staff, and community and to continue our important work of connecting students with outstanding opportunities." On behalf of the entire Flowing Wells School District....CONGRATULATIONS, DR. STOLTZFUS!

**VACCINE EVENT TOMORROW AT FLOWING WELLS HIGH SCHOOL**  
8AM - 2PM JOHNSON AND JOHNSON ONE-SHOT VACCINE  
65 AND OLDER, HEALTHCARE WORKERS, CHILDCARE WORKERS, EDUCATORS, FIRST RESPONDERS  
*No appointment necessary - Please help spread the word!*



## ANNA HEYER NAMED LEADER TO LEARN FROM

Flowing Wells Science Specialist, Anna Heyer, has been named by Education Weekly as a *Science Leader to Learn From* in an extensive, nationally published article. The article cites Anna's extensive work in preparing teachers to become experts in science curriculum and instruction. Also highlighted in the piece is Anna's redesign of the Flowing Wells science sequence, her involvement with the STEMAZing project, and her work at the state level with the new science standards. The article quotes Sara Torres, the executive director of the Arizona Science Teachers Association as saying about Anna's work with teachers, "...she goes into classrooms and coaches teachers, works side by side with them. She isn't just a tell you person. She asks. She listens to them, hears where their frustration is, and models a strategy they can use in their classrooms." Congratulations to Anna for this well-deserved honor!



## A NOTE FROM DR. BAKER AS HE NEARS RETIREMENT

Everyone starts somewhere. I was fortunate to begin my educational career in Flowing Wells where I planned anticipatory sets, active participation and checking for understanding until it become part of my daily practice. This was the beginning of a journey in which Flowing Wells would give me more than I could ever return. I found friendships, mentoring, confidence and an organization truly focused on students. Many colleagues from my first year continue to work alongside us and inspire me: Robin, Terri, Audrey, Ellen, Teri, Todd, and Steve serve as mentors, friends, coaches and leaders throughout our District. We often move through a career planning for the next day, but this year, we have learned the world can change dramatically on a Sunday afternoon. I will be forever thankful for our Governing Board, who focus on creating policies to support educational opportunities for students and staff, even in the most difficult times.

## BENEFIT ME

The Flowing Wells Benefits Committee recently completed the process of negotiating rates for next year's medical insurance. The committee is pleased to announce that Blue Cross Blue Shield has agreed to a 1% reduction in rates for medical insurance. Plans for medical coverage will be reduced to two options: The PPO with a \$3000 deductible and the \$3000 High Deductible Health Plan with an HSA. Dental, vision, and other supplemental benefit rates will all remain the same as the current school year. Open enrollment will occur toward the end of April. Elaine Kimbler will contact all employees with more information in the coming weeks.