

**Frontier Central School District
ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/eok-ikgv-ghw>

Or dial: (US) +1 316-742-1376 PIN: 408 841 226#

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
 - Mission: To be an effective, energetic, and focused Advocate for the 4,600+ students of the District.
 - Vision: Every child receives the education they—need and deserve—to pursue their passions, goals, aspirations, and dreams.
2. DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITY SINCE LAST MEETING ON August 25th.
 - Roundtable
3. FOLLOWING UP ON IDEAS FROM LAST MEETING
 - Letter to new Gov. Kathy Hochul
 - See draft letter by student ex-officio representatives.
 - 5-10 minute videos to community
 - Federal COVID funding
 - Capital Project
4. ECASB LEGISLATIVE TEAM REQUEST FOR SHORT & LONG-TERM ADVOCACY PRIORITIES
 - Frontier's short-term priorities (hope to be accomplished in 6-12 months).
 - Frontier's long-term priorities (hope to be accomplished in 3-4 years).
5. CLOSING

Dear Governor Kathy Hochul,

This is a letter from the ex-officio alternate Katelin Kerl, on behalf of myself and the ex-officio school board member Madeline Hayes of the Frontier Central School District. We are two driven, and hardworking young female leaders who would first and foremost like to congratulate you on the outstanding achievement of becoming our state's first female governor. As fellow Hamburg natives, we cannot help but feel connected to you, and to watch all of your hard work not only for Western New York, but for the entire state to accelerate us into the future, especially under the current circumstances.

We would like to invite you to come to our school and speak to our student body, as we believe it would inspire more students like ourselves to be the change we would like to see in the world. As young women from Western New York, we wish you the very best during your time in office, and hope that you continue to build a legacy for people like us to be inspired by.

In addition to our positions as ex-officio board members, we are members of the Advocacy Committee for the Frontier Central School District. This affords us the opportunity to bring our perspective and aspirations for what our school could be directly to those who have the power to bring positive change.

To speak a bit more about our experience in the public school system, we must first acknowledge the fact that ours is unique and vastly different from what other students may experience in an underserved school district, or even a fellow student in Frontier Central Schools has. Madeline and myself have enjoyed the chance to run for student government positions, join clubs in the arts, and participate in sports. However, the most rewarding part of our high school careers have been planning and executing school sponsored events like Homecoming dances, pep rallies, and many fundraising events over the years. It is incredible to see the reaction of the school community and our peers, and to know that what we love to do has helped others to take pride in their school and enjoy their time here. We intend to continue to create a more positive environment, improving the culture within our school.

We love our school and all that it means to be a Frontier Falcon, wanting every student regardless of their socioeconomic status, race, gender, sexual orientation, and academic level to thrive and to enjoy learning as much as we do. We would like for there to be a time in the future where every student feels seen, heard, and safe in the four walls of their school. We believe this can be accomplished if those in charge feel empowered to act. We ask that you, Madam Governor, keep us students in your mind and in your heart during your time in office, and that public education be supported to the best of your ability. We hope you consider a visit to our school as valuable. It would truly be an honor to have you.

Sincerely,

Katelin Kerl and Madeline Hayes