



# #BrightFutures

Inspiring all children to be resilient, confident, respectful, and prepared to discover and follow their dreams!

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## Future Problem Solvers

On March 24th, ten students (7 6th graders and 3 5th graders) competed in the Future Problem Solvers (FPS) state bowl. FPS is one element of Hebron Elementary School's Challenge & Enrichment program. The FPS global issues problem solving (GIPS) teams collaboratively developed an action plan to solve a problem on the topic of mining. They had to analyze a futuristic scenario, brainstorm and write challenges, and identify an underlying problem from those challenges. The teams then had to brainstorm solutions, develop and apply criteria to evaluate them, and choose one to develop into an action plan that positively impacts the future scene. All of that had to be completed in a two-hour block! The 6th grade GIPS team of Brady Ciotola, Avery Fitzgerald, Patrick Wolfgang and Cerys Ellis took 3rd place in the state. The team of 5th graders Avery Holzer, Maisey LeMay and Elizabeth Thibeault captured the state championship and received an invite to the FPS International Competition at UMass Amherst! In addition, Patrick Wolfgang won 3rd place and Vinnie Mastronunzio took 2nd place for their FPS writing scenarios. We are so proud of all of our FPSers!



## District Advancement Plan Focus: Tutoring and Enrichment

Hebron Public Schools is putting an emphasis on engaging students in enrichment and tutoring activities. This Spring, HES will be offering additional after school enrichment opportunities. Starting the first week of May, students in grades 3-6 can enroll in one of four classes: Sign Language, Lego Wedo Engineering, Disney/Pixar Short Club, and Engineering Club. Sign ups are due May 2, 2022 and programs begin May 9. The program will run for 7 weeks. Read more information about the classes [here](#) and sign up for a class [here](#).