

## **Farmington Public Schools' Cybersecurity classes learn from the Michigan FBI**

*Farmington, MI* -- Farmington High School (FHS) and North Farmington High School (NFHS) students enrolled in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) class Cybersecurity, had the opportunity to learn from the Michigan FBI.

Cybersecurity is a new class currently offered to Farmington Public Schools' high school students. The class focuses on topics that revolve around the ever changing technological environment. Students learn how to prevent malicious hackers from getting into information systems, data breaches, layers of security, computer networks, cyber forensics, and the application of information systems that can be securely locked down. Completion of the Cybersecurity course could lead to numerous industry certifications, and/or jobs in information technology, computer information systems, and criminal justice.

Jason Canfield, FHS and NFHS CTE IT Business Teacher, arranged for Willie G. Council, Michigan FBI Agent who specializes in community involvement and awareness, to be a virtual guest speaker in his Cybersecurity classes. Council discussed the growing need for cybersecurity experts in the field of criminal justice and governmental sectors such as the FBI, CIA, NSA, and Homeland Security. He explained to students how to become an intern at the FBI and what it takes to become an FBI Agent. They discussed the degrees and certifications necessary and corresponding pay ranges in the governmental/criminal justice sectors of cyber. Council, also helped students understand the physical and mental requirements of these types of positions.

Students enjoyed learning about different potential career opportunities in the field.

Luke Frohriep, a senior at FHS stated, "It was really interesting. I want to look into careers within the FBI and see what is involved."

"My students really enjoyed Special Agent Willie G. Council's presentation," stated Jason Canfield. "They were intrigued and asked him very thoughtful, deep questions about the practice of a field agent, about FBI cybersecurity topics, and FBI cybersecurity careers in general. My



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students are VERY intrigued by how the criminal justice field blends with cybersecurity, in particular, digital forensics.”

To learn more about opportunities with the FBI visit: [Fbijobs.gov](https://fbijobs.gov).

Farmington Public Schools is grateful that our teachers help arrange these wonderful learning opportunities for our students. To learn more about Farmington Public Schools, visit [www.farmington.k12.mi.us](https://www.farmington.k12.mi.us).