



April 16, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

After much consideration and discussion with the Forest Park Teachers' Association and District Administration, we have decided to continue with our current schedule for the remainder of the school year.

It is very important to us to provide an equitable education for all students. Increasing the amount of in-person instruction would result in students that receive remote instruction having less learning opportunities. Please keep in mind that nearly half of our students are learning remotely. Increasing the amount of in-person instruction would result in less time for art, music, physical education and other specials. Less time would also be available to provide related services and therapies to students that need those services without infringing on the core subjects.

Most importantly, we do not want to make a decision that negatively affects some students for the benefit of others. While much is publicized about the safety of students returning to school, the other factors that go into these decisions are seldom reported. I want to assure you that our students' health, safety and educational needs are at the forefront of our decisions.

Sincerely,

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