



January 28, 2021

Dear Farley Middle School Parents and Staff:

Based on the number of staff members who are unable to work on campus due to a COVID-related exposure or illness, we have made the difficult decision to place the majority of students and staff on remote teaching and learning for four school days beginning **Friday, January 29 through Wednesday, February 3**. **Our on-campus learners should plan to return on Thursday, February 4**. Should we decide to extend the remote learning, we will communicate that as soon as possible. A few classes will be allowed to remain on campus due to special circumstances with the children's instructional needs. These families will be contacted directly by the campus. **All current on-campus learners should make sure they take their Chromebooks home on Thursday.**

I want to emphasize that we have made this decision based on our ability to operate the campus effectively and safely. While there have been several staff members and students who have tested positive for COVID-19, the campus is not experiencing an uncontrollable spread of the virus. Unfortunately, the uncontrollable spread in the community is contributing to the number of people that have to quarantine or isolate themselves from others.

FMS Principal, Mark Willoughby, will follow up with an email regarding instruction and technology for next week and will provide contact information if you have any questions or concerns.

Please remember to follow safety guidelines while the students learn remotely. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Celina Estrada Thomas'.

Celina Estrada Thomas, Ph.D.  
Superintendent