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Dear Fargo Public Schools Families and Staff,

On January 11, the Fargo Public Schools (FPS) COVID-19 Instructional Plan Committee met to review COVID-19 data. Per recommended guidance from local healthcare agencies, the committee decided to continue with the previously adopted return to in-person instruction plan and make no changes. The plan keeps the current instructional model in place for all levels for the remainder of the first semester (until January 15). **Fargo Public Schools will return to in-person instruction (Level 4 – In-Person Instruction with Restrictions) for all grade levels beginning January 19, 2021.**

At the January 11 meeting, the FPS COVID-19 Instructional Plan Committee decided to transition to in-person instruction (Level 4 – In-Person Instruction with Restrictions) beginning January 19 five days a week for all levels (elementary, middle, and high school). Additional information about the transition to in-person instruction five days a week will be communicated by school administrators.

It is important to know that Fargo Public Schools will adapt and make changes based on new information or guidance, if needed. The committee will meet again on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 a.m. to review data, determine if there is a significant number of cases impacting schools, and discuss the status of a potential vaccination plan for staff.

I appreciate all Fargo Public Schools families and staff members for their grace, understanding, and flexibility during the first semester of the 2020-21 school year. As we begin a more consistent schedule for students during the second semester, FPS remains committed to monitoring the cases in our schools, implementing mitigation strategies as we can, and working to fulfill our mission of educating and empowering all students to succeed.

Sincerely,
Rupak Gandhi, Ph.D.
Superintendent

