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Dear Fargo Public Schools families,

I write this email to you today after receiving exciting news for our Fargo Public Schools staff members. Fargo Cass Public Health has announced it will begin inviting preschool and K-12 staff members to receive COVID-19 vaccines as part of vaccination priority group 1B in North Dakota.

In partnership with Fargo Cass Public Health (FCPH) and other Cass County school systems, Fargo Public Schools (FPS) has arranged for specific days in March and April for our staff to be vaccinated. In order to complete staff vaccinations in the most efficient manner for both FCPH and FPS, school operations will be impacted. **Therefore, Fargo Public Schools will have students learn asynchronously via distance learning on the following days:**

- **Thursday, March 11**
- **Friday, March 12**
- **Wednesday, March 31**
- **Thursday, April 1**

Our schools, including the Early Childhood Special Education Program and Adult Learning Center, will not be open for students on the above days to allow school staff members to receive their vaccinations and to accommodate for potential adverse reactions to the vaccine. More information will come from your student's school and teachers on the assignments and requirements for these days. Elementary and middle school activities are cancelled on these distance learning days. High school activities will be held based on the availability and discretion of the advisor/coach. The advisor/coach will notify students accordingly. **Please also note:** Fargo Public Schools is closed March 15-19 for spring break and Friday, April 2 in observance of Good Friday.

While I know this sudden change to the school schedule is not ideal for our staff, students, and families, it is what we need to do to vaccinate our staff members in the quickest means possible and to stop the spread of COVID-19. I sincerely appreciate the flexibility and understanding of our families during this unprecedented school year. With the start of vaccinations for our staff members, it renews hope that our lives may soon begin to return to a level of normalcy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Rupak Gandhi, Ph.D.
Superintendent

