



From the Cabinet

By Superintendent Dr. Rupak Gandhi

Welcome to the Start of the 2021-22 School Year!

“Here we go again.”

After a summer of some normalcy and the suspension of our FPS Smart Restart Plan from the 2020-2021 school year, “here we go again” was my initial reaction to news about another COVID-19 surge in our community and guidance to implement mitigation strategies.

Like everyone else, I enjoyed the time we had with minimum disruptions in our lives and practices resulting from COVID-19. Unlike summer 2020, I was able to do more this summer, specifically travel and visit family. I am hopeful that the anticipated surge in our community will be minimal and that we aren’t headed for more restrictions. However, I have also learned that to avoid that, we all need to do our part.

While my initial reaction of “here we go again” came with a big sigh, reflecting on everything we accomplished last year makes me recite that phrase with excitement to kick off the 2021-2022 school year.

Here we go again with an opportunity to welcome more than 11,000 students into our schools in-person by passionate educators who are committed to improving the lives of students we serve.

Here we go again with an opportunity to provide a wide variety of rich experiences to grow our students academically and socially.

Here we go again with an opportunity to celebrate the great work and achievements of all Fargo Public Schools and staff.

Here we go again to start another school year and fulfill our mission of educating and empowering all students to succeed.

As we kick off the 2021-2022 school year, I want to remind each member of the Fargo Public Schools family that you make a difference and our students are lucky to have you as part of their life, especially during the most stressful times. No two learners are the same and our new learning environment won’t

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be ideal for all, but students possess the ability to learn, grow, and be touched by a positive, caring adult.

The start of a new school year is an exciting time – welcome back, and best wishes for another great year at Fargo Public Schools!

Let's make this a year to remember!

