April 8, 2019

Dear Parents of St. Anthony Middle School and St. Anthony Village High School,

Minnesota requires school districts to provide 1020 instructional hours to students in grades 7-12. As we calculated our instructional hours for the 2018-19 school year, we realized corrections were needed to increase instructional hours for grades 10-12 in the 2019-20 school year and beyond.

Our shared spaces, schedules, transportation, and building required us to solve the problem collaboratively across grades 6-12. We needed to find a solution and we realized any change to the schedule for grades 10-12 will affect grades 6-9.

In March, a group of middle school and high school staff met with the goal of creating 2-3 options to solve this problem for the 2019-20 school year. The options had to comply with state statutes, School Board policy and remain budget neutral.

In the 2019-2020 school year schedule, students in grades 6-9 will be in school from 7:40 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. and will have seven classes each school day. Students in grades 10-12 will be in school from 8:00 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. with a daily Advisory from 8:00-8:30 a.m. followed by six classes. Advisory Time will be spent working on college, career, academic, and future planning. Some study and homework help times will also be provided. Class meetings, registration, and other presentations will happen during Advisory Time as well.

Starting in the Summer of 2019, a larger group of stakeholders will be assembled to explore long-term K-12 schedule and calendar solutions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Renee Corneille, Superintendent