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Dear First Grade Families:

Exciting news! With 24 students selecting in-person learning and 16 choosing remote learning, we're able to provide a more robust solution for our remote learners from now through March 26.

Mrs. Lascola and Ms. Ochenkowski will be teaching all of the in-person first grade learners when we return to school next week.

Mrs. Haussy will be teaching all of the remote first grade learners – but not in the afternoon. She'll be teaching them from 8:25-12:30. They'll be getting almost twice as much direct instruction from a teacher than we anticipated. And, we think that's exciting.

First grade is such an important grade: really learning to read, write and do math. Our first graders missed out on the end of their kindergarten year and this year has been challenging. This additional time will serve them well.

Of course, you've already guessed that this means some students will need to switch teachers. Mrs. Smuda will be reaching out to each of you over the coming day or two to personally talk with you. The first grade teachers will also be doing activities with all of the first graders this week so that the kids become familiar with them.

We're thrilled to be able to provide this enhanced learning experience for first graders between now and March 26.

Sincerely yours,


Frank C. Patrick



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