



Fairview Park City School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the January 17 Fairview Park City School District Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a resolution to amend the 2022-2023 school calendar. This approved revision to the district calendar will make Tuesday, February 28, 2023, a non-student day.

This revision was recommended to complete state-mandated ACT testing for students in grade 11. It will also provide staff with time for needed professional development and allow them to offer additional interventions to at-risk students.

The goal was to consolidate different needs at each building into one day, making planning easier for families with children in multiple schools. Here is how the February 28 non-student day will affect families in our district:

Fairview High School/Mayer Middle School: All 11th-grade students must take the state-mandated ACT exam at Fairview High School on February 28. Fairview High School will provide invitation-only conferences for at-risk students and their families in the afternoon.

Grade 11 students must report to Fairview High School on February 28. The building will provide more information on the specific time when grade 11 students are to report. **All other grade levels at Mayer Middle School and Fairview High School will not be required to report on February 28.**

Mayer Middle School staff will participate in professional development and provide invitation-only conferences for at-risk students and their families on this day. These families should expect more information in the coming weeks.

Gilles-Sweet Elementary and Parkview Early Education Center: February 28 will also be used to conduct invitation-only conferences at the EEC and Gilles-Sweet Elementary. **March 10 will be a regular school day.** February 28th will replace March 10th as the date for invitation-only spring conferences. Families at these buildings should expect more information in the coming weeks.

We recognize the inconvenience changes to the school calendar have on families' busy schedules, and we did not recommend this change lightly. By combining multiple needs into one day, we hope to reduce disruptions for families, support at-risk students, create an ideal environment for students taking the ACT, and provide critical professional development to staff.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Keith Ahearn