

STOW-MUNROE FALLS CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, Stow-Munroe Falls High School has a history of scholastic and athletic excellence with the vision to provide our students inspiration to make a difference in the world. We count ourselves fortunate to live and work in a community that supports our plan to provide the very best educational experience for our students. To support our district's strategic plan, all educators and administrators are challenged to:

- Promote instructional alignment and academic rigor across the district
- Implement and expect the use of standards-aligned common assessments at each grade level and content area
- Promote a consistent RTI process district-wide
- Explore alternative technologies and curricular delivery models that maximize student learning

Accomplishing these goals requires the implementation of a pilot program for embedded professional development. This embedded time will take place each **Wednesday morning, from 7:30-9:30 and impacts the high school only**. During this time, teachers will be working together to study data regarding student academic performance, collaborate to improve instructional practices, devise and/or improve common assessments, and provide targeted interventions to struggling students. Such routine collaboration times will also allow us to remove day-long department meetings which means teachers will not miss class with your student. Schools that have implemented such programs have experienced tremendous academic growth. In addition, Hudson, Cuyahoga Falls, and other area school districts have adopted similar models to improve student success.

Beginning August 30, students will have a delayed start with classes beginning at 9:30. The daily schedule will be abbreviated each Wednesday thereafter, just like two hour delays for inclement weather. **Morning bus schedules will be unaffected** and students who need bus transportation will have a supported study hall from 7:30-9:30. These weekly two hour delays are also an optimum time for student medical appointments and follow ups which further improve teacher-student contact time.

We are very excited for this pilot opportunity and are looking forward to the school-wide benefits as well as the benefits your student will experience. If you have questions about this plan, please feel free to contact any member of the administrative team.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann
Principal

District Vision: Providing inspiration to make a difference in the world.