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Survey released to gain perception data on trimesters from high school parents-survey open until Thursday, August 25

Farmington, Michigan— In the fall of 2007, Farmington Public Schools implemented a trimester schedule for all high schools. This change was brought about by a desire to reduce budget expenditures while maintaining a model of scheduling which met the needs of students.

Currently, the District just finished the fourth year of the trimester schedule. Recent instability in school funding has greatly impacted our district. During the 2009-2010 school year, significant budget reductions were made to be implemented during the 2010-2011 school year. Given the District's new "reality," some school and community members have questioned the feasibility of the current trimester schedule. Similarly, the District recognizes the need to periodically review instructional delivery practices to gauge how District practices impact student achievement. Hence, the necessity of a review of the District's high schools' trimester schedule is warranted and necessary, to better understand the quality of implementation and potential impacts that trimester scheduling has had on our school community.

In conjunction with Oakland Schools' Research, Evaluation and Assessment Consultant, Dr. Lindson Feun and the the District's assessment office, a plan for the review of trimesters was crafted.

As part of this plan of study, the District is asking parents of current high school students or those of recent graduates who participated in the trimester schedule to share their perceptions of trimesters with the District. Parents can access the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Trimester_Family_Parent. The survey will close on Thursday, August 24 and the results will be shared with the Trimester Evaluation Work Group. The hope is to use the data provided by this survey to help inform recommendations to the Board of Education related to the current trimester model. It is important to note that all demographic information will remain confidential.

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