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## **District seeks those interested in being part of a Trimester Evaluation Work Group to analyze data for trimester study**

*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 forming a Trimester Evaluation Work Group to analyze data for the trimester study. The Work Group will examine different types of data related to Farmington Public Schools and generate statements about what the data displays. Data sources that we'll be reviewing include grades, standardized test performance, survey data from students and teachers, District demographic data and enrollment figures.

The District is looking for participation from staff, parents, and community members on the Trimester Evaluation Work Group. The hope is to develop a team, which represents a broad cross-section of our school community including diversity of experiences, years in our district and current school assignments. The goal is to have between 5 and 10 parents/community members and 15-20 staff members. participate in this process.

The work product of this group will be included in a trimester evaluation report which will be presented to the Board of Education this fall.

The meeting dates are Thursay, August 11, Friday, August 12, Tuesday, September 13 and Friday, September 16.

Meeting Times: 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Meeting Location: Ten Mile Building, 32789 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington.

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