



July 20, 2023

Dear FASD Parent/Guardian;

I trust that each of you are enjoying a safe and relaxing summer with your student(s).

I'd like to extend a special thank you to all of you who entrusted us with your children during our summer WIN program. It was great having them at school with us for a little longer than the school year allows, and I trust that they were enriched by our academics, numerous extra-curricular activities, and had lots of fun.

By this time, it is no secret that our District has experienced some unfortunate circumstances. Rumors and blatant misinformation has worsened those circumstances. While the District is not trying to be evasive or secretive, confidentiality protections and the potential legal ramifications prevent us from providing any further information than you have already received at this time. Nevertheless, we understand and appreciate your concern, and our goal is to keep the public as informed as possible. For that reason, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. I may not be able to provide you with all of the answers you seek, but I want to make sure you are heard.

Please know that we remain committed to excellence and operating in the best interest of our students. We've been working diligently this summer to fill *ALL* vacant positions with the best, most qualified candidates. Regarding our principal positions: our Supervisor of Curriculum and instruction, Dr. Emily Clare, has assumed interim oversight of the elementary school. Beginning August 11, 2023, I will assume interim oversight of the middle/high school. This dual role is something I've done in the past. The additional responsibilities that Dr. Clare and I are assuming are temporary, and will enable us to navigate through our current situation until we have permanent replacements in place.

In just a few weeks, our doors will open and we will begin a new school year. As the superintendent and grandparent of three Farrell students, I am excited about the 2023-2024 school year and I trust that you will be as well. We have some new and exciting initiatives and programs we will be starting (Little Steelers, Reading Buddies, new Science curriculum for select grade levels that will include computer programming/Coding, an addition to our elementary school building that will enable us to better serve our primary students, and more), the continuation and enhancement of some ongoing initiatives and programs (after school WIN program which is scheduled to begin earlier this year, Social Emotional Learning [SEL], Back To School Extravaganza, and more).

Again, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. You may contact me at 724-509-1310 and [ladams-king@farrellareaschools.com](mailto:ladams-king@farrellareaschools.com), or Dr. Emily Clare at 724-509-1304 and [eclare@farrellareaschools.com](mailto:eclare@farrellareaschools.com). You are our partner in education, and we look forward to working collectively with you in the education of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lora Adams-King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Dr. Lora Adams-King

Superintendent