

Fulda Public Schools

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Dear Fulda Staff, Students and Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Fulda Schools will be transitioning to an updated calendar for the remainder of the year when students are in person. This calendar change is due to Governor Walz executive orders [20-94](#) and [20-95](#) that requires school districts to provide an additional 30 minutes per day for teacher preparation during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be combining the 30 minutes per day into a monthly block of teacher prep time so we are only messing with family schedules one day a month vs. daily or weekly. This additional preparation time will be utilized to help staff prepare for teaching students in person along with those that are temporarily out in isolation or in quarantine. Our hope is that communicating this change now can help you plan and prepare for the needs of your children. Please note the following:

- **Starting on Wednesday, December 23th** and monthly on the following Mondays - January 4th, February 15th, March 15th, April 19th and May 17th students will not be in school on these days.
- Child Care will be available for any students grades K-6 that may need this service. This service will be available 12/23 a.m. only and from 8-3 on the given days in January through May. The fee for the day is \$20 per student. If there is a hardship with childcare or the fees please contact the office. Sign-up for school care can be arranged by contacting Lori Bakken at 425-2581. The deadline to sign up will be a week prior to the scheduled no school day.

The monthly staff planning day is only in effect when students are in the buildings. If we are in a distance learning model for either building, then we will follow the distance learning schedule.

We understand that these changes can create additional stress and challenges during this difficult time. We hope by working together we can alleviate some of this stress by providing the care and safety for your children. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

Loy Woelber, Superintendent