



## From the Superintendent

Dear FSD Families and Staff,

Welcome to the school year 2021-2022. In spite of the ongoing challenges that we are experiencing with the pandemic, we are looking forward as a district to welcome our students on day one: **Tuesday, August 24**. Our back to school plan: [\*Ready to Engage\*](#), has been developed in accordance with Illinois State Superintendent of Education's declaration on mandated in-person learning for all on July 9, 2021 and the revised public health guidance provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that was released on August 4, 2021. Our Ready to Engage back to school guidance document focuses on three important aspects of creating a safe environment for students as they return to school: Health and Wellness, Curriculum and Instructional Supports, and a Welcoming School District and Environment.

We are extremely grateful to our families for supporting us in our work. The kitchens, living rooms, and bedrooms in homes were transformed into classrooms for our remote learners this past school year. We are excited for the new possibilities that the 2021-2022 year will bring when we set forth great expectations for our students as they return to full in-person learning. The perseverance and willingness demonstrated by our staff brings us to new and more innovative ways of teaching, connecting, and supporting students. Our school leaders have been the pillars in their schools and will continue to ensure that the daily operations in schools will focus on not just the safety of students and staff, but also will create a welcoming environment for all.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts toward providing a healthy and safe learning environment for our kids. Here's to our best school year ever yet!

Sincerely,

*Dr. Anna Alvarado*