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Dear Frontier Academy Parents:

This letter is to inform you that the bell schedule for Middle School students will be changing for the 2015-16 school year. Middle School students will start 10 minutes earlier (7:20) to accommodate several different needs throughout the school day. Middle School students will still be released at 3:30. The transition from Elementary School to Middle School continues to be a focus of our attention. We recognize several problematic elements in our current structure that could be remedied through a minor schedule change:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are familiar with a homeroom type atmosphere that has not existed in Middle School. An extra 10 minutes at the beginning of the day will not add instructional time, but will help students get ready for the day in a homeroom type environment, similar to the elementary school.
- The Middle School lunch period is very short compared to both elementary school and high school (22 minutes compared to 45 and 49 respectively). 10 minutes will be added to the lunch period to allow students 32 minutes to eat and expend some energy before returning to class.

This 10 minute change will also help with morning traffic congestion in the secondary school parking lot. To accommodate the earlier drop off time at the elementary for families at both campuses, Dr. Every will have staff members at the Elementary School by 7:10 next year for supervision.

Please note that this change is only for Middle School start times. The Middle School will still release at 3:30 and the High School schedule remains unchanged.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the schedule change, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

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