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Dear Parent,

After more than a year-long process of assessing the efficacy of our daily bell schedule, it has been determined that the six-period day is not best serving the needs of our students for a multitude of reasons. As a result of that determination, a Bell Schedule Review Team comprised of Administrators, Teachers, and School Counselors adapted a commonly used modified block schedule to suit Pembroke Academy. This schedule was then proposed to our School Board and the Education Association of Pembroke, where a mutual agreement was reached to allow this schedule to be utilized beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. With much of the work behind us, there remain some important tasks left to be completed before we can implement the new schedule next year. Chief among them is how we roll this out to parents and, alternatively, our students. It is imperative with any systemic change to be as communicative as possible. To that end, I would like to invite parents to an evening forum on the bell schedule switch, to be held on **Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 pm in the Pembroke Academy Auditorium**. At that time the Daily Bell Schedule Review Team will present the new schedule to parents and answer any questions which arise. We will also include in our presentation, an explanation of how and why we came to the determination we did regarding the six-period day schedule. I would urge parents to attend, if possible. We will seek to inform students in Advisories about the schedule change. If parents cannot attend the evening forum but would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Famulari'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P' and 'F'.

Paul Famulari
Headmaster