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Dr. Linda M. Madsen
Forest Lake Area Schools
6100 N 210th St
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Dear Dr. Linda M. Madsen,

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 2016 notifying MDE that to accommodate a construction project in excess of \$400,000 Forest Lake Area Schools will start the 2017-18 school year prior to Labor Day.

Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.40, paragraph (b) states that "A district may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day: (1) to accommodate a construction or remodeling project of \$400,000 or more affecting a district school facility..."

School districts meeting this requirement may begin the school year before Labor Day without Commissioner approval. We will update MDE's district control file to allow the earlier student enrollment dates to pass the MARSS edit.

Please contact me if you have any questions related to your school calendar.

Sincerely,



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