



Our school district is currently exploring changing the school bell schedules. We are trying to solve the issue of overcrowding on some of our bus routes. Changing the bell schedule by splitting the bus routes into an elementary route and a secondary route will help the overcrowding. It also allows for the separation of the elementary students from secondary students.

We believe that by offering an elementary student route prior to the secondary student route provides the greatest amount of benefits.

OPTION 1: The proposed bell schedules are as follows:

- Elementary students 7:30 am to 3:10 pm
- Secondary students 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Here are the positives of this proposed change:

- It eliminates the overcrowding of school buses.
- It allows for more of our teachers to coach at the middle and high school levels; which helps alleviate the pressure of finding coaches. Beginning next year, middle school athletes have access to a 7th hour sports/PE class; which allows for coaches from the elementary schools to access the 7th hour class for daily practice.
- It provides high school coaches the option of a morning practice.
- High school athletic practice would start only 15 minutes later than currently scheduled (from 4:00 pm to 4:15 pm).
- And, the brain research specific to secondary students benefiting from a later start time is clear. They do much better in school!

Here is a negative to this proposed change:

- Families that rely on older siblings to pick up their younger elementary age sibling would have to find an alternative option.

OPTION 2: Reversing the bell schedules (meaning secondary students being bussed first and elementary students being bussed later) creates a very long day for our student athletes, reduces the amount of staff eligible to coach, and is contrary to adolescent brain research.

OPTION 3: No change. Does not solve the overcrowding issue.

It is important for you to understand that **NO decisions have been made**. This type of operational decision does not require School Board approval. Our goal is to make a decision prior to students and staff leaving on May 23rd and 24th respectively.

To provide input, please visit www.re-2.org and click on Public Input.