

## **PFMS 9/19/2017**

Should the intense secondary classes be moved to the early blocks, not end of day?

Why aren't we encouraging more family time? We push sports, music, extras but then we just "hope" they get family time.

How are students going to make up the three hours (2x or 3x per week) during sports season, in that 1 hr extra period in the morning. Especially if they're getting home late due to sports/concerts, etc?

Why is all your research one sided?

This should be voted on by the community not just board members who have their minds made up about how they feel vs how we feel.

Why can't this be put off long enough to come up with a better plan for busing funds? By coming together with community members to get input & suggestions.

Did the teachers or students give their opinions? They will have to be the ones to deal with this!

Why can't we hold more community fundraisers to fund the extra buses?

As a student, you are not listening to our concerns!

Why can't this be put off?

Why is the president of the board so condescending?

My children ride 3 children per seats already - let alone high school when they are huge (or at least 3x's a child's size).

Student relayed that music teacher @ high school expressed concern over K-12 music program (band/instrumental).

Not sure how that would work blocking time to do pull out for intervention enrichment.

Athletic point of view - zero period- what offering core?!?

World language? If choice, when start (grades?)

Can you guarantee no homework in elementary?

Is the research (sleep & homework) representative of our community?

When do you decide if you vote on October 9?

What is the plan for online classes? Athletes only? Who takes them? Why?

Can we partner with another company?

Why is high school 6 minutes shorter?

What role do charters play in the passing of plan? If charter schools don't change starts, what happens?

How many at or below the national average?

Teacher feedback, has it been positive?

Zero period, does it negate sleep benefits?

Homework at elementary level, will be a district wide policy?

Have you compared our day to Altoona?

Children should have more than one 30 minute recess and should not be just at end of day.

Of the 44% at or below, what is % below? [Add to faq.](#)

Zero period at high school, lack of busing causes unequal access.

What if students do not have internet access at home?

Do we have lack of sleep problems at the high school?

Can we add just 24 minutes to core?

Can we add planning time before the students arrive?

Early start time: Elementary child (5 years old), awake early to catch 7:10 am bus and arrive home late, how late would late bus arrive?

Will long day adversely affect learning of young children?

We are looking to move, this potential change will determine our housing location.

The high school students have not been asked about this, despite previous comments, AND THEY ARE NOT FOR IT!

This should be a vote done by the community NOT just by the school board who has been filled in on one sided research.

So losing 6 minutes per day means we are losing 2.5 days of education. Are you saying we'll be in school longer? We're already in school too long. Get rid of that ridiculous week long spring break.

If this goes through, I will be looking into charter schools or online schools.

If this proposal goes thru, what will be the estimated end of school date in June? Our current end date of mid-June is already late.

#### Elementary Questions:

- Time for pullout, interventions
- Can we change present schedule to meet needs of HUP?
- What are limits caused by staffing (LE/G, Special Ed) despite schedule change?
- Feasibility of less than 40 minutes?
- Impact on K and early primary?
- Impact on family's time and hour early wake up?
- Why adding transition time?

#### Secondary Questions:

- Ending time too late
- Impact of later athletics?
- Need answers to questions about sleep studies and learning links.
- Why are you doing this REALLY? (\$?)
- Need more info on Kindergarten changes.
- Why not use MAP data as pre-test?

#### PROS:

- How would this benefit the 44% at or below national level?
- World language aspect
- Added sleep for older students.
- Additional prep time for elementary teachers.
- PLC's
- Longer day is better for kids!?!

CONS:

- Cost
- No complete answers on cost, too much variability
- Transportation constraints

How many student athletes are actually in district? How would it harm them? How many days?

Percentage of kids who take bus? In high school? Don't they usually drive? Survey?  
Particularly at end of day.

Is the world language possible 3x a week? Make it more valuable to student? Which languages? Spanish? Chinese? Emergency cert?

What will happen when the private/charter schools do not change? I want a plan.

Family time? Responsibility?

Attendance will drop because of parents getting to work and can't get them on the bus.

Will you reevaluate in a year? Make changes as needed?

Why are we enabling teens to sleep in and not prepare for life?

Why are we pushing this through so quickly? (Yes, it has been 2 years) but we've only been given the timeline 6 weeks before your vote.

After school activities will drop.

Dropping high school by 6 minutes removes 18 hours of education which equals equals 2.5 days of learning.

Why not add more buses to cut down on routes to eliminate such late drop off times to the outer regions?

Football times were conveniently left off of the sports time changes.

We're already short on subs, how are we getting more as we extend the school time?

Research shows family dinners cut down on suicide, depression, eating disorders and adds a larger vocabulary, a healthier eating habit and more focused in the class. What will happen to

family dinners and family time when kids don't get home until 5:10 and have sports, homework and extracurriculars?

Our district is growing, there will be more than "25" that get dropped off at 4:30 -5:10.

What about family time? This will drastically cut into it.

Family / dinner time has been proven to help students and I care about that.

If high school and middle school starts later, what will happen when parents go to work earlier than buses? They are too old for "babysitters" but if they sleep too late and miss busses, attendance will suffer. In turn, my child's education will suffer when teachers have to recap lessons for those who missed.

## **MNMS 9/27/2017**

Why non-public & charter bus by SCASD? Charter & non-public: timing of getting their school day decision BEFORE finalizing decision? Concern about cost.

Larsen Transportation Institute recommended for transportation data.

How does length of day impact our young students?

High school and student athletes and the loss of instruction time - will they NEED to do zero period?

Consider for interim just videotaping classes, (snippets of 15-20 min videos).

Support goal of greatest academic success for the largest number of students.

Secondary students - concern that they will/might not leave house on time for the bus or bus breaking down in PM - both parents work.

Incorporate music ensemble into the school day - but what would they be missing or could it be fifth special or could they move to end of day?

Support Staff - how will that work?

Where is the \$1.5 million coming from?

How are the 27% (HU students) supported currently? Pull out, push in? How do we compare to other schools?

Is there any training for parents to help teach their children at home?

Can we have the extended day but have secondary students start first? So older kids get home before younger kids.

Can we stagger our elementary start time?

Costs if private and charter do NOT switch times?

Would consider another survey of parents/ community?

Weekend sporting events could take family time.

Some of "away" schools would not switch to later times.

Bus Times

Decrease / Eliminate Homework.

Wants Recess Policy prior to extending day.

Explore energy diversion (sitting balls, brain breaks, standing during work).

"Transfer" of opportunity gap from elementary to high school.

Later high school start could limit opportunities for work and/or college classes.

Hybrid courses dependent to internet access.

Formalize internet access question for students.

How to determine success? Next step.

How we studies this enough? Postpone decision.

More recess would be beneficial.

Elementary will be great, helps develop critical thinking, etc skills

High school concerns, athletic practices will start late, last later, then homework (2 hours) later to bed, marching band, orchestra, Thespians, etc will all be impacted.

Extra 30 minutes of sleep for high school would be great.

Time change would be a wash.

PE credit for Athletics - hybrid

Zero period preferred to missing class.

Effect on elementary students waking up earlier, (research).

Measure of effectiveness of this change: Set goals and revise as necessary. When do you evaluate? How much time?

Impact of professional learning communities.

Transportation : How construction impacts later time? How businesses are impacted by time changes? More busses with WiFi.

Zero period tutoring center?

Length of lunch time at elementary and timing with early start (shorten recess?)

Opportunity for second snack? Combine lunch with recess? Lunch after recess time?

Full extra year of learning for elementary.

Fifth special with possibility of world language.

Continued communication between school and home?

What will homework look like at high school moving forward?

Has the later dismissal time falling closer to rush hour (for high school) been taken into consideration?

Later start time for high school (solid taking into account research).

Splitting up getting kids of different ages ready in the AM.

Shorter elementary runs make it easier to push back delay calls/notifications.

CEEL option at middle school for 6th grade.

