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Dear school community,

The Board of Education approved changes to the regular school hours on June 27th and these school times were posted on the website. I would like to clarify the District's reasons for revising the [school times](#). Significant changes were made to the middle school schedule to provide a more effective and efficient structure for student learning, which maximized instructional time and provided for expanded curricular experiences. These changes to the schedule necessitated a revision of the start and end times for middle school. Our objective was to reduce the impact of the changes to all district students and maximize efficiency in transportation.

As a result, the high school schedule will begin and end 11 minutes earlier; the middle schools students will begin 10 minutes earlier and end 3 minutes later. The elementary start time remains the same, but they will dismiss 5 minutes later. At the elementary level, state mandated requirements were incorporated. We also worked to restore some recess time, as requested by the school community, resulting in a longer school day. Parental feedback concerning changes to the elementary start and end times was considered.

Every effort was made to minimize the impact of an earlier start time for our high school students. However, the District took into consideration expanding career readiness, internship and employment opportunities, as well as after-school activities.

If you would like to view the Board meeting video for the discussion on the school times, please select this link to the [June 18 Board of Education Workshop Meeting Video](#).

Sincerely,



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