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## OCKERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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March 7, 2017

Dear Mr. Ford,

I am writing to request a change for the instructional time at Ockerman Elementary School beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. The current starting time / ending time for elementary schools in Boone County is 8:55 / 3:40 for students. We are requesting the start time be at 8:40 which will allow us to increase our instructional day by 15 minutes. As a school we would desire to have the additional 15 minutes of instructional time so that we can increase the time that students are actively involved in instruction as we continue to work towards college and career readiness standards. The additional time also allows us greater flexibility with offering personalized learning through morning technology time which is observed full school.

This proposal has been approved at the school level though our SBDM council at the first read of policy 4.1 which took place at the February meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> read will occur at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The time change does not conflict with any contractual agreements with the teacher's workday. I have already confirmed with both food service and transportation that they are able to meet the needs of students for meal service and pick up with the newly proposed time.

Thank you for taking time to consider this request for the 2017-2018 school year. If you need any additional information concerning this request please let me know and I will happily provide whatever is requested.

Sincerely,

Kim Best