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Pamela Thamann Principal

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Amy Godwin Guidance Counselor

Dear Mr. Ford,

I am writing to request a change for instructional time at Thornwilde Elementary School beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. The current start time/end time for Elementary schools in Boone County is 8:55/3:40 for the students. We are requesting the start time to be at 8:40 a.m. for students increasing our instructional day by 15 minutes.

This proposal was approved at the school level during our May SBDM meeting. It also does not conflict with any contractual agreements with the teachers' workday. I have already spoken to the bus garage, and they are able to accommodate the earlier start time. The cafeteria is also able to accommodate this change as well.

As a school, we have instructional reasons for this change in time which includes:

- Increased instructional class time to implement the Kentucky Academic Standards
- Flexibility to meet the needs of our above, on, and below level students through intervention blocks at each grade level.
- Increased flexibility in scheduling to increase student achievement.

Thank you for taking time to consider this request for the 2017-2018 school year. Please let me know if you need any additional information concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Pamela C. Thamann

Principal, Thornwilde Elementary

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