



Start Smart Start Time Proposal

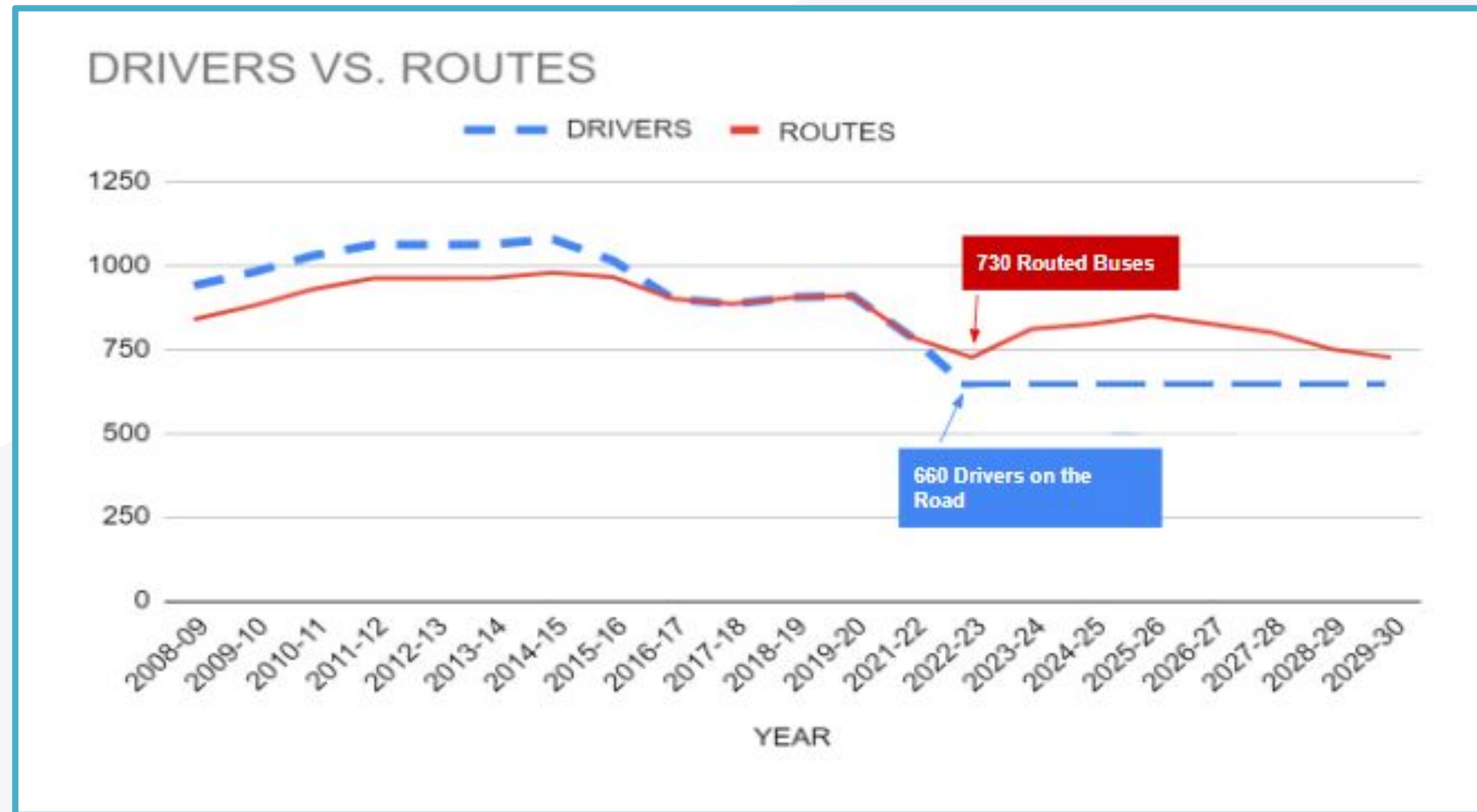
Jefferson County Board of Education
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Why Change?

Driver Shortage

- Need more drivers due to labor shortage
- Need more routes to support phase-in of Student Choice Plan



Unexpected Delays



- Average around 30 per day
- Unexpected delays impact schools all over the district

Missed Instruction



- 20,000 students have missed classes due to a late bus
- 3 million minutes of instruction have been lost

Of the 37,411 Middle/High resides students:

Last year, nearly 50% were chronically absent.

So far this year, nearly 45% are chronically absent.

65% of the students are students of color.

Proposal achieves route reductions without hurting other metrics

Favorable student experiences:



27m

Average ride-time



0.26 mile

Average walk-to-stop
distance

Without overcrowding runs or stops:



46.7

Students on each run

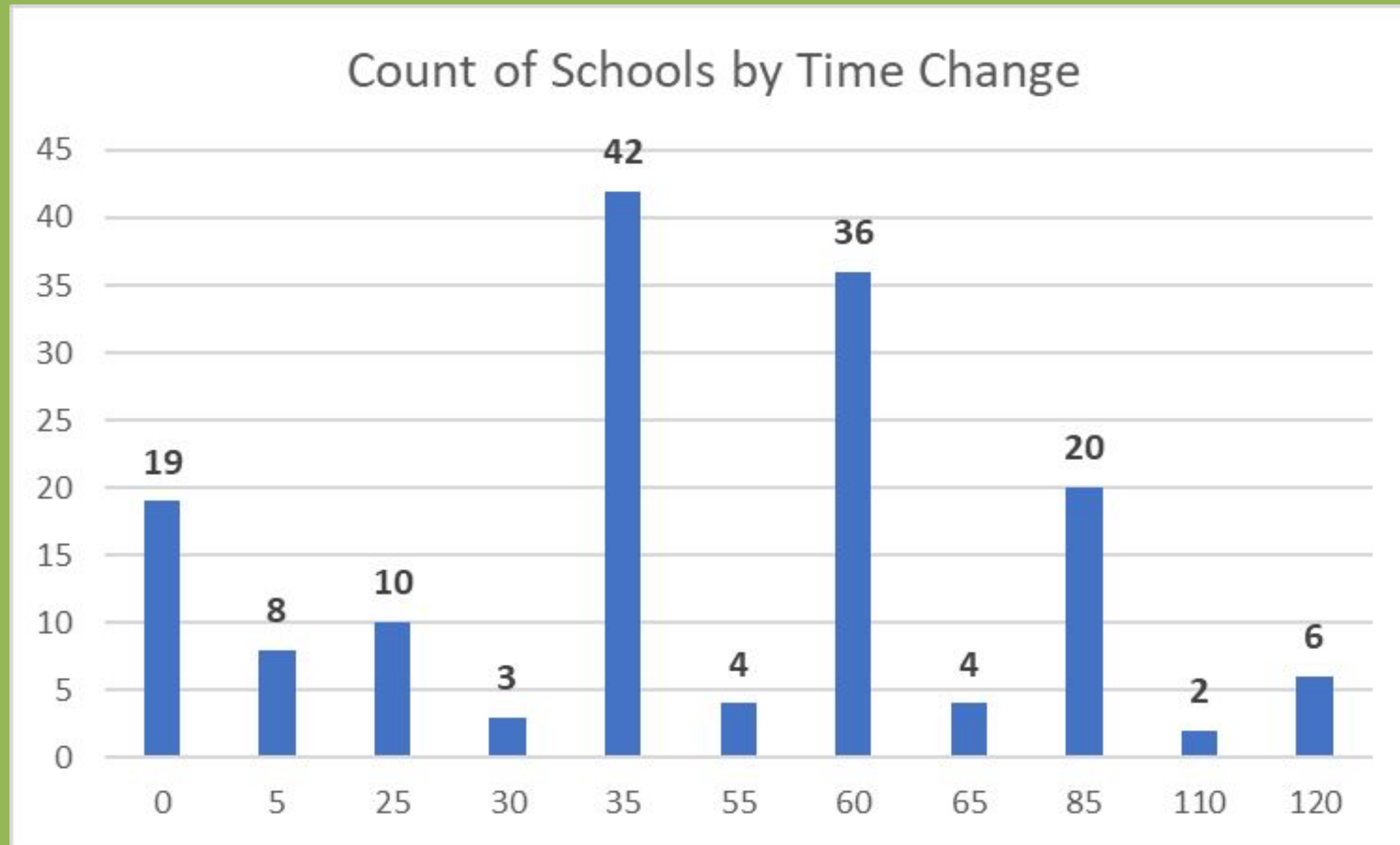


6.5

Students per stop

Results: ~13K total bus stops, about half of current number

83% of schools change by an hour or less



- 19 schools do not change
- More than half change by 35 minutes or less
- Only 8 change by more than 90 minutes
- Much of this is a simple result of changing from a two-tier model



New Proposal

- Proposed to begin August 2023
- More efficient use of resources
- Separate schools on the same campus are on different schedules
- Walk zones increased for some
- Factors to consider: walk to stop distance, double/triple runs, early drop off allowances
- Early childhood classes in elementary schools will start at the same time as the school starts and will still have separate buses

7:40 - 2:20					8:00 - 2:40	8:10 - 2:50	8:40 - 3:20				
Blake	Hite	Watterson	Grace James	Male	Auburndale	Luhr	Chenoweth	Kammerer	Hudson	Iroquois	Western HS
Bloom	Layne	Wheeler	JCTMS	Manual	Camp Taylor	Sanders	Field	Meyzeek	Western MS	JTown HS	Breck Metro
Cane Run	Lowe	Wilt	Johnson	Moore	Trunnell	Smyrna	Portland	Newburg	Westport	PRP	Newcomer
Chancey	Mill Creek	ZT	Lassiter	Binet	Wilder	Wilkerson	Norton Comm.	Noe	Ballard	Seneca	Mary Ryan
Cochrane	Schaffner	Barret	Stuart	Waller	Brown*	Knight	Carrithers	Olmsted N	Doss	Shawnee	Phoenix
Crums Ln.	St. Matthews	Conway	Atherton		Pathfinder*	Liberty	Crosby	Olmsted S	Eastern	Southern	TAPP
Dixie	Stonestreet	DuBois	Butler			M. Daniels	Farnsley	Ramsey	Fairdale HS	Valley	
Gutermuth	Tully	Echo Trail	Central				Highland	TJ	Fern Creek HS	Waggener	



*These schools do not have bus transportation

Full Proposal

9:00 - 3:40	9:10 - 3:50	9:30 - 4:10		9:40 - 4:20							10:40 - 5:20
Blue Lick	Bates	Dunn	Middletown	A. Kennedy	Byck	Farmer	Hawthorne	King	Minors Ln.	Shelby	Dawson Orman
Kerrick	Coral Ridge	Eisenhower	Rangeland	Atkinson	Carter	Fern Cr ES	Hazelwood	Klondike	Norton	Slaughter	DuValle
Laukhuf	Kenwood	Greenwood		Audubon	Cochran	Foster	Indian Trail	Lincoln	Okolona	Wellington	Unsel
Stopher	Shacklette	Hartstern		Bowen	Coleridge-T	Frayser	Jacob	Maupin	Price	Perry	Westport ECH
		Johnsontown Rd		Brandeis	Engelhard	Goldsmith	JTown ES	McFerran	Rutherford	Young	
				Breck-Frank	Fairdale ES	Greathouse	JFK	Medora	Semple	Churchill Park	

*There are a small number of community partner programs that will remain at current times.

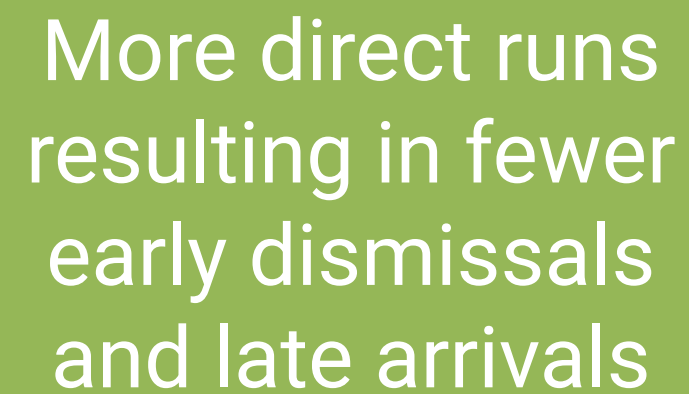

Benefits



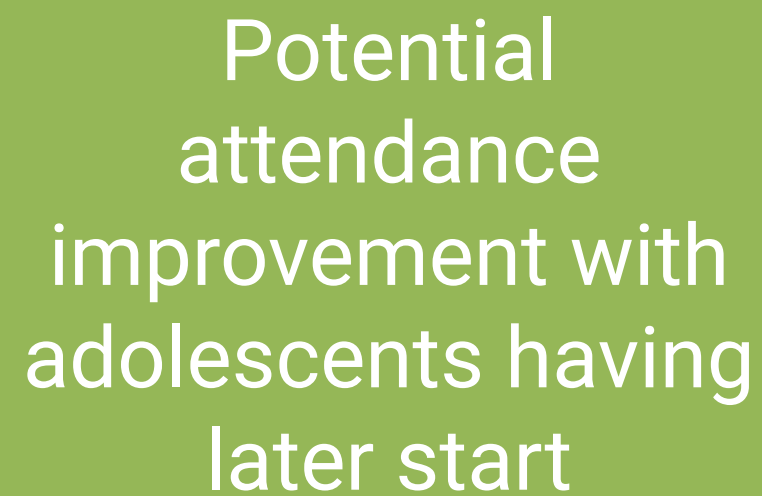
Addresses
driver shortage
by reducing
bus routes



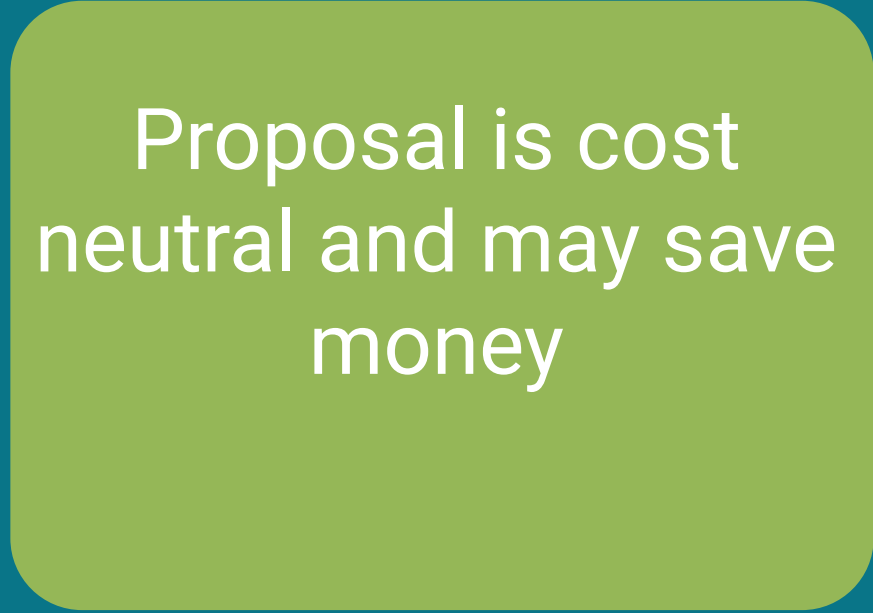
Students arrive at
school on time for
learning



More direct runs
resulting in fewer
early dismissals
and late arrivals

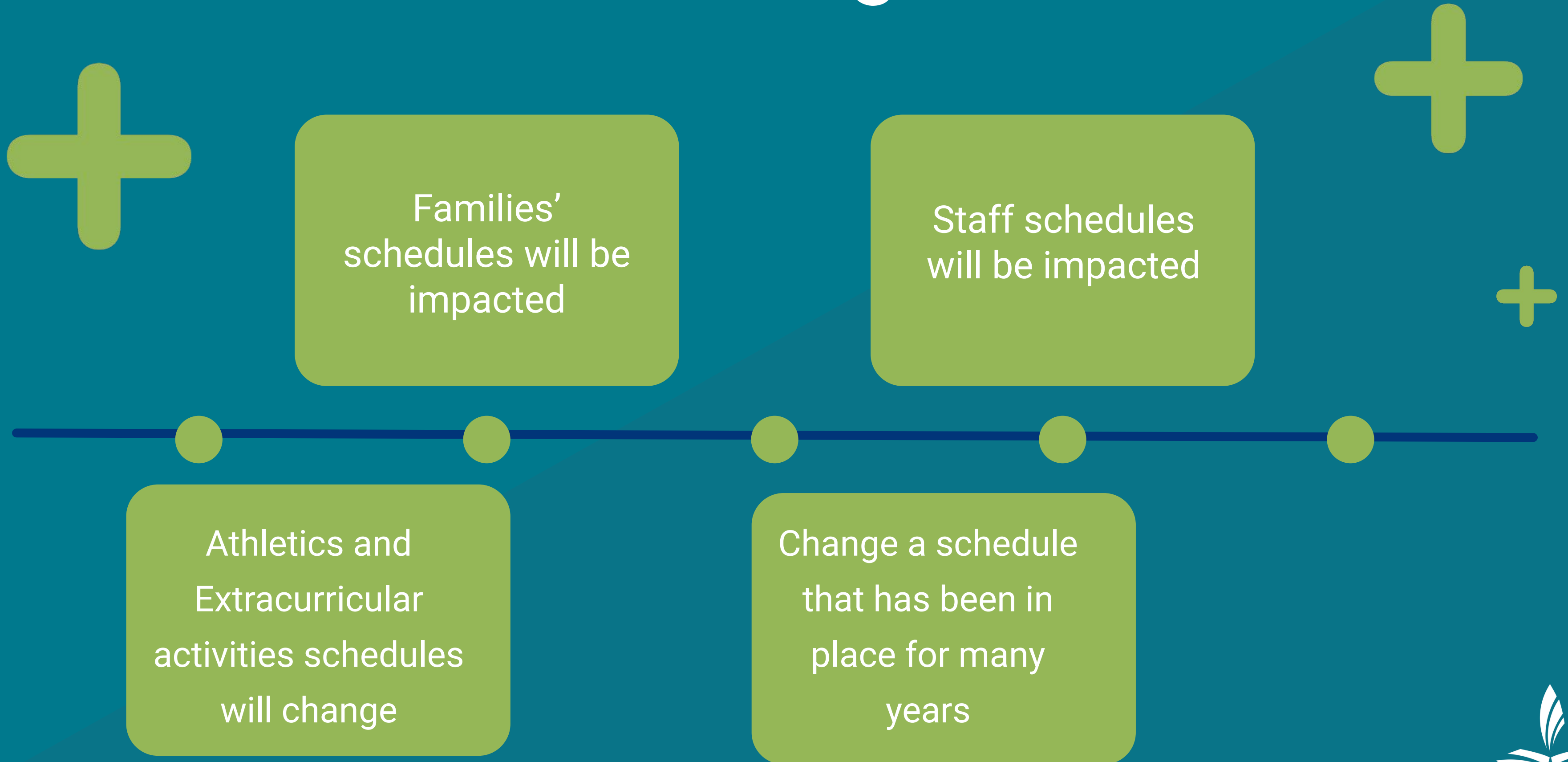


Potential
attendance
improvement with
adolescents having
later start



Proposal is cost
neutral and may save
money

Challenges





Sharing Information

- Groups who received information: Principals, School staffs, Transportation Administration, Drivers, Monitors, and other district administrators/staff
- Virtual Town Hall for families and employees on Feb.20
- Website created with details of proposal
- Feedback link on website

Feedback Received

	Theme	Example
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better attendance• Older students get more sleep• Help with bus driver shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Less students arriving late or leaving late. More time for instruction. Better attendance for those in middle and high.</i>• <i>Ensures that students will have reliable, timely, and safe transportation to school. Allows older students to sleep a bit later.</i>
Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work schedules impacted• More child care needs• After school activities impacted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Families will need more support with childcare or afterschool care.</i>• <i>This will have a huge impact on teachers shuffling around trying to transfer to a school that fits their families schedules.</i>• <i>Some students and staff members have things to do after school so it is unfair to make them push back those times.</i>
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Types of Accommodations and Supports• Communication Strategies• Future Changes/Logistics/Other options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What accommodations will be made for teachers who now wish to transfer or no longer wish to transfer due to the eventual release of a start time?</i>• <i>What accommodations will be made for parents who need to change the school they selected due to a start time issue?</i>• <i>How will this be communicated? How will families navigate the process? What supports will be provided?</i>• <i>Has the school district consulted with other large school districts that are doing transportation well?</i>

FAQs from Survey

Athletics and ExtraCurriculars

Schools will work together to determine times for games and competitions

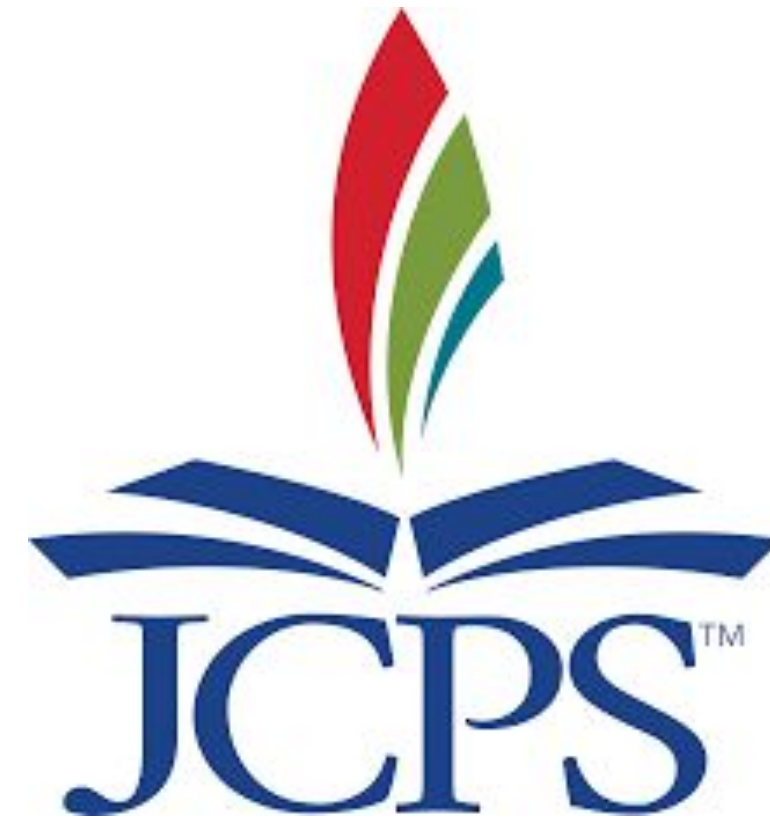
Bus Riders

- Elementary Students ride the bus with only elementary
- Middle/High ride the bus with only Middle/High
- Early Childhood ride the bus with only Early Childhood



Family Supports

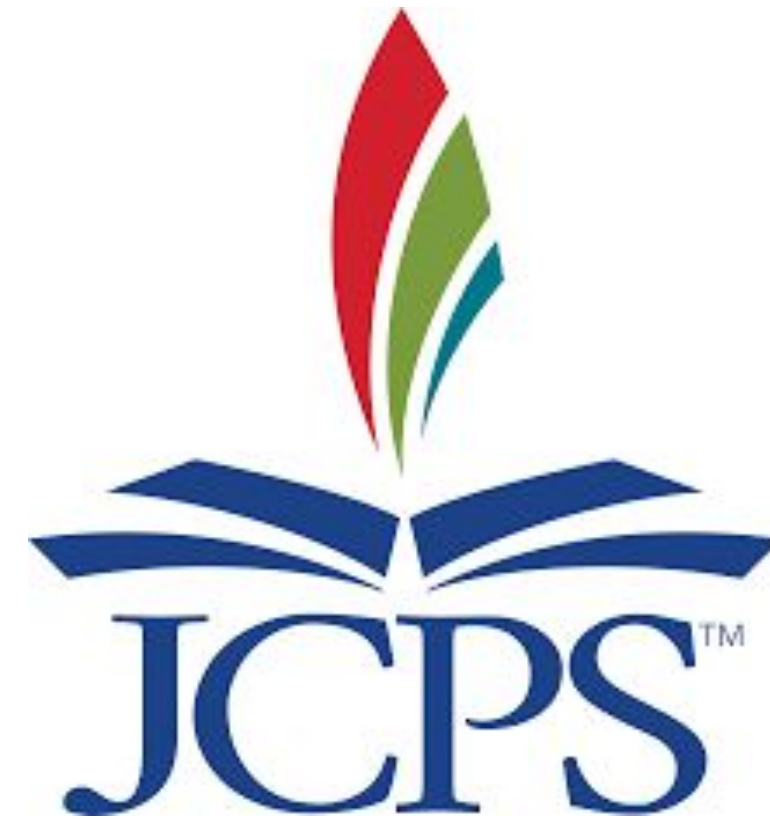
- Families will be able to get more details on website
- Many community partners offer before- and after-school care
- Elementary clusters have choices
- Student transfer applications available; the window opens May 1, 2023





Staff Supports

- Transfer options available
- Communication with Union partners
- Student transfer applications are available and the window opens May 1, 2023





QUESTIONS

Feedback: [Use this link](#)

