



STEVE SMALLWOOD, DIRECTOR

Date: December 5, 2025
To: Dr. Jesse Bacon
From: Steve Smallwood
Re: 2026-2027 Start and End Time Proposal

Dear Dr. Bacon,

This proposal outlines necessary adjustments to the daily school schedule for the 2026-2027 academic year. The primary objective is to ensure equitable instructional time across all school levels by balancing the number of daily instructional minutes to a uniform 390 minutes. Currently, instructional minutes vary across school levels, ranging from 375 to 395 minutes, which necessitates this standardization.

Furthermore, the recommended changes to the start and end times are strategically designed to create a full 60-minute interval between the start of one school level and the next. This critical staggering is an optimal practice intended to significantly alleviate current transportation and routing challenges, leading to improved on-time performance and operational efficiency across the district.

Current Start and End Times	Instructional Minutes	Proposed Start and End Times	Instructional Minutes
High Schools: 7:20 AM - 2:10 PM	385 minutes	High Schools: 7:10 AM - 2:05 PM	390 minutes
Middle Schools: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	395 minutes	Middle Schools: 8:10 AM - 3:05 PM	390 minutes
Elementary Schools: 9:00 AM - 3:40 PM or 9:10 AM - 3:50 PM	375 minutes	Elementary Schools: 9:10 AM - 4:05 PM	390 minutes

Respectfully,

Steve Smallwood

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DPP, Calendar Committee Chair