



School Start Times-Update

Derry Township School Board

October 12, 2021

Committee History

- Mission of Committee:
- 30 individuals from all constituent groups
- Met to review research, debate merits of change, and suggest options
- Options and parameters

Visits and Learning Opportunities

- Start Schools Later Workshop
- Visit to Radnor School District
- Various webinars and virtual learning opportunities

Previous Action Steps

- Recommended a start time instructional model to DTSD Board of Directors on May 26, 2020
 - Elementary day: 8:00 am - 2:40 pm
 - Secondary day: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
- September 14, 2020 - Recommendation to delay school start times until 2022-23 school year due to interruptions caused by pandemic
- March 22, 2021 - Update to maintain recommendation to begin new start times for the 2022-23 school year

Current Actions

- Administrative team has reopened discussion to begin preparing for shift to new school start times
- Concerns have arisen regarding transportation, specifically the ability to turn around drop-offs and pick-ups in 30 minutes.
 - Current traffic conditions and bus travel times indicate a need for 50 minutes of turnaround time
 - Mr. Bell has been asked to maintain the 6 busses that we would have normally taken out of rotation in case we need them for the new start times
 - The administration is working through what time adjustments need to be made in order to accommodate these transportation concerns
- Administrative team discussion in regard to instructional time indicates a strong desire to not lose daily instructional minutes
 - HS - 7 hours
 - MS/Elementary - 6 hours 55 minutes

Next Steps



- At the October 25, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting, the administration will seek a vote to rescind the May 26, 2020 approval pending the recommendation of an updated model to account for the adjustments needed for transportation and the desire to maintain instructional minutes
- The administration will seek guidance from the Board of Directors on a timeline for implementation

Questions

