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Our **mission** is to develop engaged, well-balanced learners through collaborative, caring relationships

## Start Times and Single Tier Busing Update

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October 3, 2017

## Background, Website and Reports

- <http://www.abschools.org/district/school-start-times>
- Wellness Committee Report June 2016  
Research, sleep
- Single Tier Busing Report April 2017
- Start Time Committee Report June 2017
- Links to research and other schools' work

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## Start Time Committee Survey

- PreK-12 parents/guardians and staff  
2700 responses
- Four options – two with current busing, two with elementary single tier
- Significant feedback to move to single tier
- 56% preferred 8:00 HS/JH start to 8:30  
(An 8:30 start requires switching with elementary to earlier than HS/JH)
- 72% HS/JH staff preferred 8:00 start to 8:30

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## Single Tier Busing

- Estimated Cost: First Year \$750,000  
Second year and forward: \$372,000  
(after state reimbursement for transportation)
- Possible Funding Model:
 

FY '19: One time use of E&D	\$570,000
Budget Increase:	\$180,000
 FY '20: Budget Increase:	 \$192,000

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## Single Tier Busing

- Significant logistical considerations
- Difficult to fully staff current operation
- Bid for additional buses  
Possibly contract part of the operation
- Running models now; preparing bids; meeting with contractors

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## High School Schedule Survey

- Surveyed students, staff and parents/guardians
- Considered options for possible schedule change. Piloting possible new schedule in March. If there is a change to the high school bell schedule, it will be Sept 2019.
- Included questions about start/end times
- Feedback consistently preferred 8:00 start across all groups

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## Student Survey

Student Responses		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
7:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	32.20%	376
8:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.	59.00%	688
8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	39.20%	457
8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	16.00%	187
	answered question	1167
	skipped question	174

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## Parent/Guardian Survey

Parent/Guardian Responses		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
7:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	25.50%	175
8:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.	51.70%	354
8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	45.40%	311
8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	20.70%	142
	answered question	685
	skipped question	106

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## Faculty/Staff Survey

Faculty/Staff Responses		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
7:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	43.50%	47
8:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.	64.80%	70
8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	37.00%	40
8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	13.00%	14
	answered question	108
	skipped question	15

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## Other Districts

High School	Original Start Time	New HS Start	End Time	Year of Change
Sharon	7:25 am	8:05 am	2:40 pm	2011
Ashland	7:30 am	8:20 am	2:45 pm	2017
Concord-Carlisle	7:30 am	8:00 am	2:41 pm	2017
Lincoln-Sudbury		7:50 am	2:39 pm	
Lexington		7:45 am	2:25 pm	
Westford Academy		7:35 am	1:55 pm	
Bedford		7:45 am	2:24 pm	
Weston		7:30 am	2:50 pm	
Wayland		7:30 am	2:15 pm	

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## Additional Considerations

- Consistency with other districts for extra-curricular activities
- Sharing of fields before darkness
- Switching with elementary – buses in the early morning, possibly in the dark
- Older siblings caring for elementary students
- We Need to have seven minutes between the Jr. High and High School dismissal for students to load buses and to move buses between the schools

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## Current Working Model

	Start	End	Change from current schedule
JH	8:00	2:36	30 min later
HS	8:07	2:47	44 min later
Elementary	8:55	3:25	5 minutes earlier than late schedule

## Timeline

Date	Milestone/Target
October 3	School Committee update
October	Bus Bids Model Single Tier Routes
November	Update cost estimates Additional Feedback Finalize recommendations
December 7	Final Recommendation to SC
December 14	School Committee Vote