

# New Bell Schedule / Bus Routes

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# Why we are changing

- Long bus rides for some students (2+ hours)
- Kindergarten students on same bus as secondary students
- Morning routes do not mirror afternoon routes
- Some special needs students must transfer buses to get to school
- Current routing scheme is inefficient as supported by OSPI efficiency data
- Schools being used as “bus stops”
- Not enough drivers to support running of routes and providing transportation for activities - field trips, sports, clubs, etc.



# Goals for the new Schedule:

- Decrease bus ride to no longer than 1 hour
- Create a two-tier system - elementary students, then secondary
- Minimize transferring of buses for special needs students
- Creates a two-tiered system where morning routes mirror afternoon routes (same bus, same driver in both AM and PM)
- Middle Schools will become “hubs” for secondary students to transfer to buses heading out to WHS, WSHS and WWTSC
- Consistent drop-off times and tighter pick up times



# Our Process

1. Using what we know about brain research, District created a proposal where **Elementary** schools start first, followed by **Secondary**
2. Created a Community Survey to listen - used to evaluate
3. Presented idea of **Secondary** starting first followed by **Elementary**
4. Second survey sent out - sought feedback



# Transportation Logistics / Considerations

- Need 1 hour between start times for buses to get to remote homes
- Looked at staggered start times
- Looked at middle schools NOT being hubs
- Traditionally short on drivers
- Bottomline, tried to think of every possible option



# Current Elementary Bell Schedules (Tues - Fri)

- Columbia / Newbery - 7:50 - 2:20
- L&C / MV / Sunnyslope - 8:00 - 2:45
- Lincoln / WA - 8:15 - 2:45

Proposed New Schedule - 7:45 - 2:30



# Current Secondary Bell Schedules (Tues - Fri)

- Foothills / Orchard - 8:00 - 2:45
- Pioneer / WHS - 8:15 - 3:00
- WSHS - 8:20 - 2:45

## Proposed New Schedule

- WSHS - 8:35 - 3:20
- WHS - 8:40 - 3:25
- MS - 8:50 - 3:35



# 2nd Survey Results

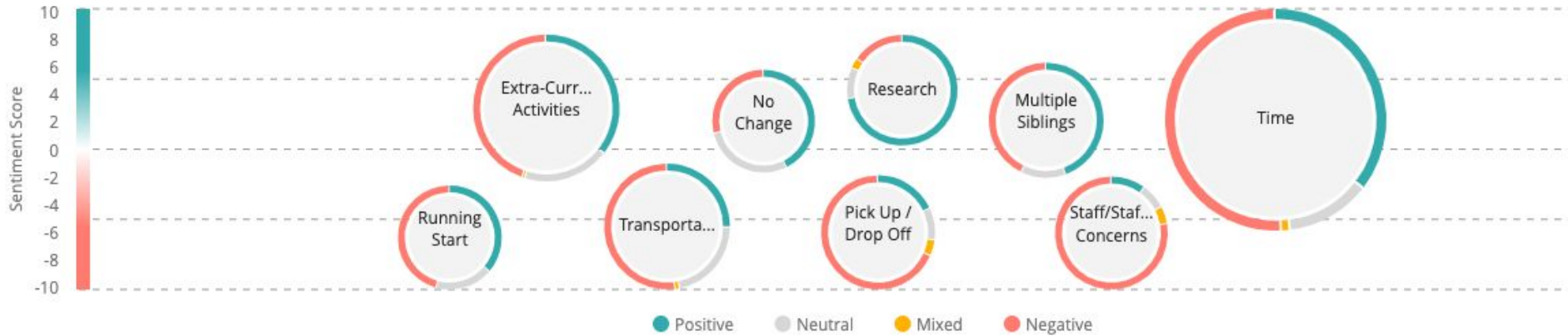
- 1287 Responses
- 63% recommended Elementary students start first
- 51% of those that responded were parents or students\*\* (468 Anonymous)
- We had responses from all sites





# Survey Results

Schedule Change Comments 479 Responses



# Survey Results

- People either 1) wanted Elementary first, 2) didn't care/didn't like either 3) wanted Secondary to go first
- Concerns about sports and activities
- Concerns about multiple students at different grade levels
- LOTS of people advocated to follow the research about secondary students needing to start later
- <https://advances.sciencemag.org/content/4/12/eaau6200>
- <https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2018/10/03/we-already-know-school-starts-too-early.html>



# Obstacles with New Schedule

- Secondary Sports/Activities - miss 30 min more school on game days, logistical problems with set-up, later practices, to name a few
- Daycare after school for elementary (exploring expanding sites)
- Parents who drop of their elementary and secondary students will need to come up with other arrangements
- Providing “Strings” before school for elementary (after?)



# Fall 2020

Elementary students start first - 7:45

ECLC: AM 7:55 - 10:25 PM 11:45 - 2:15

## **Secondary start times:**

Middle School - 8:50

WHS - 8:40

WSHS - 8:35

WVTSC: AM 8:40 - 11:25 PM 12:35 - 3:05

