

Tuesday, January 7, 2020



EASD Families:

At the School Board meeting on Monday, January 6, District Administration presented two draft school start time schedules to be considered for the 2020-2021 school year.

Strategy one features a minor shift for elementary and Intermediate School students and a 40 - 45 minute shift for Middle and High School students, as shown below.

Strategy	Level	Current Start Time	Current End Time	Proposed Approximate Start Time	Proposed Approximate End Time	Start Time Change	Student Day Estimated Change (Length)
1	Elem.	8:55	3:30	9:00	3:45	+5	+10 (6 hr 45 min)
	Int.	8:25	3:20	8:55	3:45	+30	-5 (6 hr 50 min)
	MS	7:20	2:50	8:05	3:05	+45	-30 (7 hr)
	HS	7:30	2:35	8:10	3:00	+40	-15 (6 hr 50 min)

Strategy two includes a swap of elementary and secondary start times with some minor adjustments to those times.

Strategy	Levels	Current Start Time	Current End Time	Proposed Approximate Start Time	Proposed Approximate End Time	Start Time Change	Student Day Estimated Change (Length)
2	Elem.	8:55	3:30	7:45	2:30	-70	+10 (6 hr 45 min)
	Int.	8:25	3:20	7:45	2:40	-40	N/A (6 hr 55 min)
	MS	7:20	2:50	8:20	3:20	+60	-30 (7 hr)
	HS	7:30	2:35	8:30	3:15	+60	-20 (6 hr 45 min)

After serious consideration of both scenarios, the Board gave direction to the District Administration to continue work on strategy one.

Over the next few weeks, District Administrators will complete a comprehensive review of all related elements, including transportation and individual building and program needs. A proposal, featuring the approximate start times of strategy one, will be reviewed and considered by the School Board for potential approval in February.

We are sharing this update today, so that you have ample time to share any further concerns, questions, or issues that you believe have not been addressed in scenario one. To facilitate this ongoing communication, please use [THIS](#) updated survey link, also available on the District website.

Thank you for your support and continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

**Brian M. Troop, Ed.D.**

Superintendent

Ephrata Area School District