



# School Start Time Survey Results

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK  
OVERVIEW

## Survey Participation

The survey received 3,101 total responses.

Respondents could select multiple categories, resulting in 3,990 total category responses.

Some respondents identified with multiple groups, creating overlap within the data sets.

Group	Total Number of Responses	Percentage of Survey	Percentage of Whole Subgroup in District
Elementary Families	1279	41.24%	Roughly 25% of our families responded to this survey (3000/12161)
Middle School Families	1012	32.63%	
High School Families	709	22.86%	
Preschool/Elementary Staff	392	12.64%	Roughly 41% of our staff members responded to the survey (890/2152)
Middle School Staff	252	8.13%	
High School Staff	175	5.64%	
District Office	71	2.29%	

# Respondent Groups

# Key Findings

The community is not rejecting the concept of later start times for older students.

Many respondents expressed support for research related to adolescent sleep and student readiness.

62% agreed that older students should start school later.

Support dropped to 52% when asked about the proposed schedule change specifically.

## Household Impact Concerns

32% believed the proposed schedule would positively impact their household.

48% anticipated a negative household impact.

Feedback suggests greater concern around implementation and logistics than the research itself.

# Community Concerns

Family logistics

Childcare

Transportation

Scheduling across  
multiple schools

Impact of earlier  
elementary start times

Concerns were  
strongest for families  
with children in  
multiple grade spans.

# Operational Considerations

The community largely agrees with the research but has concerns about logistical implementation.

Adjusting bell times would create operational efficiencies within the transportation system.

Projected annual savings are approximately \$600,000.

This savings is roughly equivalent to the cost of eight MEA positions.

# Community Partners Consulted

- Girls Inc
- New Morning
- YMCA
- 21st Century
- Boys and Girls Club