

Dear LPSD School Board and LPSD Administration,

We, the Tanalian School LSAC, would like to petition the School District to eliminate “Late Start Monday”, where school starts at 10am every first Monday of the Month and, if necessary, replace it with “Early Out Friday”, where school can get out at an hour and a half early on the first Friday of every month.

Our understanding is that “Late Start Monday” began during Covid so a covid assessment and plan could be made every month before school started in case there ended up being a reason to not have students come to school. That was the need during that time, however, that same need no longer exists. Our understanding is that late start has continued past covid due to it becoming a valuable time for teachers to use towards professional development. We understand the value of this and its direct effect on student learning, so we do not necessarily want to eliminate the work hours for teachers and administrators. However, the lost hours on a Monday morning often prove challenging for student learning, particularly for high school student who spend a good bit of their Wednesdays through Saturdays on extracurricular trips throughout the year. We understand the Board has added an additional five days to our Subsistence Calendar School year for professional development and other needed teacher work time. We think this is a great addition and negates our idea of an “Early Out Friday” to replace the Monday hours.

We are requesting this elimination of Mondays (and replacement with the extra five workdays and/or, if needed an “early our Friday”) because we feel it will significantly improve the effective teaching hours of our school year, increasing learning and overall success for our students, while still maintaining the time for teachers to plan, learn, and communicate.

Please consider eliminating “Late Start Monday” and replacement with the extra five workdays and/or, if needed an “early out Friday”).

Thank you,

Tanalian LSAC