



Discussion Item

Date: January 6, 2026

Division: Superintendent

Subject: School Start Times

Background Information:

- Historical background related to School Start Times:
- March 2010: School start times were approved by the Board of Trustees in March 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year establishing the following order:
 - Elementary: 7:50am-2:50p
 - High: 8:15am-3:30p
 - Middle: 8:45am - 4:00p
- April 18, 2016 school start times were brought before the Board as an information only item with the following included:
 - Transportation services in LISD are “triple routed” meaning that the same bus/driver has an elementary, middle, and high school route. The time between routes is currently 30 minutes.
 - 2016-17 School Year – added 15 minutes to the elementary day in order to be consistent with middle and high school length day. This change was necessitated by the HB 2610 and minutes of instruction. The addition of minutes was accommodated by decreasing the time between tiers of transportation.
 - There is a need to increase the morning time between high school and middle school routes by 5 minutes, while the time between elementary and high school routes could be shortened by 5 minutes.
 - The 2016-2017 start/end times will be as follows:
 - Elementary School: 7:45 – 3:00
 - High School: 8:10 – 3:25
 - Middle School: 8:45 – 4:00
- June 12, 2017 school start times were brought before the Board as an information only item with the following information:
 - LISD has faced the need to change school start times from the 2016-17 school year to the 2017-18 school year.

- 2017-18 School Year – adjustment in start times necessitated by student transportation needs. Increases in traffic and construction, coupled with geography, led to the decision to increase the times between tiers.
- 2017-18 School Start Times
 - Elementary: 7:45am to 2:55pm (430 minute school day, decreased by 5 minutes from 2016-17)
 - High: 8:20am to 3:35pm (435 minute school day)
 - Middle: 9:00am to 4:15pm (435 minute school day)
- April 16, 2018 school start time order was examined again and brought before the Board as an action item. The following information was included:
 - Administration took the recommendations, reviewed the data, and is bringing forward the following proposed school start times for 2018-19:
 - Elementary: 7:45am – 3:00pm
 - High: 8:20am – 3:35pm
 - Middle: 8:55am – 4:10pm
- Historically, it has varied when surveys have been utilized, committee convened, information presented as information only or as action item.

Administrative Consideration:

- All families and MS and HS staff had the opportunity in December to complete a survey regarding the current order of the school start times.
- The board will hear a brief overview of the survey results.