





Approval of 3- Tier Bell Schedule May 25, 2010

SUMMARY:

This item requests the approval of the 3 - Tier Bell Schedule (Option - B, Elementary, Middle School, High School Start Sequence) for Denton ISD.

Grade	Transportation AM Arrival	Campus Start Time	Campus End Time	Transportation PM Departure
Elementary	7:20 AM 	7:50 AM	2:50 PM	2:50-3:00 PM 
Middle School	8:00 AM 	8:20 AM	3:20 PM	3:20-3:40 PM 
High School	8:40 AM	8:50 AM	3:50 PM	4:00-4:20 PM

BOARD GOAL:

IV. Parent & Community Involvement...In the pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Work continuously with the community in planning and facility development

VI. Growth & Change ... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
- Be environmentally responsible and aggressively pursue energy efficiency and conserve principles in building design, transportation alternatives, and operating procedures.
- Work continuously with community to adjust and enhance district goals as appropriate
- Demonstrate effective and effective and efficient management of district resources

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Modifies current bell schedule.
- Missed instruction time by secondary students due to UIL & extracurricular travel from PM classes.
- Increased substitute teacher cost due to sponsorship in support of UIL & extracurricular travel.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Reduce annual transportation cost by \$405,000 – \$500,000.
- Reduce future bus acquisition cost by \$2.2 -\$2.7 million.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Reduce interval between elementary & middle school start/dismissal times.
- Scheduling complements parents and with elementary & middle students due to sequence in start & dismissal times.
- Provide DISD Transportation with a 40 minute interval during morning and afternoon bus route operations to ensure on-time service for pickup and delivery of students to campus and home.
- Improve transportation services in support of district programming.
- Reduce student transportation maintenance and operations cost.
- Deactivate 20-22 buses due to the streamlining and restructure of bus route operations.
- Improve the DISD's Green Fleet/Environmental Initiative from 83% to 97%.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- Denton ISD will be in compliance with operational and budgetary reporting requirements as governed by federal, state and local agencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- Public requests for:
 - Reduce interval between elementary & middle school start/dismissal times.
 - Scheduling to complement parents with elementary & middle students to sequence in start & dismissal times.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Direct staff to continue investigation on an alternate bell schedule.
- Maintain current bell schedule.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends approval of the 3 - Tier Bell Schedule (Option - B, Elementary, Middle School, High School Start Sequence) for Denton ISD.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent
Gene Holloway, Director of Transportation

ATTACHMENT:

- None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation:_____



Signature of Divisional Supervisor/Assistant Superintendent:_____

Signature of Superintendent: _____