

Spring 2025 Early Release Rationale/Proposal

Request:

- One day a week the Junior/Senior High students will be released from school at 3:00 to allow for weekly PLC/PD with secondary staff.
 - Thursdays (Friday on weeks with school on Friday)
- This would begin the 1st week of the Spring Semester. (February 6th, 2025)

Rationale:

- Secondary students are released for the day at 3:35, with teachers contracted until 4:00. By the time the students leave the building it is about 3:45, leaving only 15 minutes left in their contract day.
- A 3:00 release of students would allow for approximately 45 minutes a week for staff to develop common assessments, look at assessment data, develop plans to help struggling students, and discuss RTI/MTSS options for academic and behavioral issues.
- The state allows 22 hours of PD time to be used to reduce instructional hours each year
 - We have currently utilized zero hours
 - We would use 35 minutes per week for 17 weeks = 9.92 hours
- Would allow for administrative involvement in PLC meetings/processes

Impact on the district:

- Buses would pick up secondary students first on early release days
 - NO IMPACT on elementary release
 - This has already been confirmed by transportation
- Students on the "Lake Bus" would be held in the cafeteria