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**TO: Bancroft Families and Staff**

**RE: Proposed changes to our daily school start/end times next year would be 8:40 am to 3:10 pm**

As part of MPS's overall efforts to address its budget deficit, staff have looked at how to make transportation services more efficient. One of the most costly factors is that there are 29 different start times for 68 schools. Of those schools, 21 schools with regular education busing have start times between 7:30 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.; only 6 schools have start times after 9:30 a.m.

This imbalance means 78 extra buses are needed for rush hour but not later in the morning. To balance this, more schools need to shift closer to a 9:30 a.m. time frame. **Getting multiple, extended runs from one bus is how we can save money.**

Fewer buses on longer shifts means less fuel and maintenance, less driver turnover and a more stable driver workforce. In turn, more consistent drivers creates better relationships with students and results in safer buses.

As a result of this analysis, our school is one of 20 other schools whose start and end times (bell times) are being proposed to change, effective next school year. **Our new school times would be from 8:40 am to 3:10 pm.**

**The changes to school bell times are anticipated to save \$2 million.** Our goal was to keep bell time changes to no more than 1 hour; 4 out of 20 schools have a 70-minute change. As this proposal was being developed, staff gathered input from the District Parent Advisory Council, Special Education Advisory Council and a Bell Time Committee that included department leaders and school principals.

The proposed bell times changes will be voted on by the Board of Education as part of its overall budget approval process. The timeline for adopting the 2018-19 budget is below:

- **Jan. 25:** Board of Education Finance Committee presented with bell times recommendations
- **Feb. 13:** Board of Education hears update an overall FY2018-19 budget recommendation
- **April/May 2018:** Board of Education reviews update of FY2018-19 budget
- **June 2018:** Board votes on final FY2018-19 budget

Our school will be presenting more information on the proposed bell time changes on **January 29, 2017 @ 6pm & March 2, 2018 @ 7:30 am.**

Community discussions on our overall budget situation are scheduled for **February 7, 8 and 15**; for more details, visit [mpls.k12.mn.us/community\\_discussions](http://mpls.k12.mn.us/community_discussions).

For more Information about proposed changes to bell times, including a Fact Sheet and FAQ, visit [mpls.k12.mn.us/schooltimes](http://mpls.k12.mn.us/schooltimes); information on the overall budget situation, visit [mpls.k12.mn.us/mps\\_budget](http://mpls.k12.mn.us/mps_budget) or call Bancroft @ 612-668-3550.

Sincerely,

Erin Glynn, Principal

*\*Si le gustaría una explicación de esta información en español, favor de llamar a María o Linda: 612-668-3550*

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