



March 23, 2016

Dear Parents and Members of the School Community:

As you may be aware, the Seattle School Board recently adopted a new bell time schedule for the 2016-17 school year. This change is meant to recognize and leverage research that has shown that teenagers may benefit from later start times resulting in more sleep, better health, increased academics and improved truancy rates.

While the bell time change is exciting in many ways, we know that it has presented some significant logistical, scheduling, and programmatic challenges, and appreciate the feedback from schools, families and community members on the impact. As the District moves forward it is focusing on a number of topics important to a successful transition to the newly adopted bell times, including:

- Nutrition Services (Breakfast and Lunch)
- Before and After School Programs
- Athletics

As part of this work, we are seeking your input on these three (3) areas and how a bell time change could potentially affect your child(ren)'s participation.

An online survey is available for parents, staff and members of the school community from March 23th to April 13th, 2016 to provide their feedback:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/belltimeservices>

Please take a few minutes to answer the questions. Your input into this decision-making process is invaluable to the Task Force and the District, helping inform community-wide conversations this spring to maximize support to our families.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Superintendent of Operations