

8.1 APPROVAL OF SCHOOL START AND DISMISSAL TIME REVISIONS BEGINNING IN THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR

A. SUBJECT

This item is included on the agenda so the Board of Education can consider approving a change in school start and dismissal times.

B. INFORMATION

The proposed school start and dismissal time revisions for the 2027–2028 school year have been under review by the District 200 Board of Education.

At the March 31, 2026 Board of Education meeting, the Superintendent presented the Board with options for changing school start and dismissal times to address the challenges of the current 7:20 a.m. elementary start. During their April 14, 2026 meeting, the Board requested that administration prepare a parent and staff survey to gather feedback on the logistical impacts. Consequently, the administration created an informational video and district-wide parent and staff survey. The survey was conducted from September 14, 2026 to September 27, 2026. The results were then presented to the Board at the October 13, 2026 meeting.

C. RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends approval of school start and dismissal time revisions as presented beginning in the 2027-2028 school year.

D. SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve school start and dismissal time revisions as presented beginning in the 2027-2028 school year.

New Start and Dismissal Time Proposal - 2027-2028

This proposal is to start and end school at the following times starting in the 2027-2028 school year:

	Current Start	Proposed Start	Current End	Proposed End
Elementary School	7:20 AM	7:45 AM	1:50 PM	2:15 PM
Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center	8:20 AM	7:55 AM	2:35 PM	2:05 PM
Middle School	8:45 AM	8:50 AM	3:35 PM	3:40 PM
High School	8:35 AM	8:40 AM	3:25 PM	3:30 PM

Notes:

- This plan has pre-K and Kindergarten students on the same busses as all elementary students. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will be in the first rows of the school bus in seats that are reserved only for them. When possible school bus associates will be placed on buses with pre-K students on them.
- To help alleviate schedule issues with families, elementary schools will be staffed to be available to supervise students at the drop off time of 7:10 am. This is being done to assist families who have built schedules with our current start times in mind.