



Decatur Independent School District  
**Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

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INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Taylor Williams  
Subject: MMS/STEM Start Times Adjustment  
Meeting Date: May 11, 2026  
Type of Item:  Information  Presentation  Consent Agenda  Discussion   
Action

Supporting Documents:  Yes  No

**Background Information and Rationale:**

- Transportation efficiency and constraints: Current start times were developed to accommodate shared bus routes; however, Enis Elementary begins earlier than other elementaries to allow for bus transitions.
- Traffic flow and safety considerations: A staggered start between STEM Academy at Enis Elementary and McCarroll Middle School has been recommended to reduce congestion in the shared area, improve traffic flow, and enhance student safety during arrival times.
- Family impact and attendance concerns: McCarroll Middle School currently shares the same start time as multiple elementary campuses, creating challenges for families with students at both levels and contributing to tardiness and logistical difficulties.
- Alignment with district priorities and historical shifts: Start times have been adjusted in recent years to support the 4-day instructional calendar, maximize instructional time, and respond to parent feedback; revisiting these times ensures continued alignment with operational needs, community input, and student-centered decision-making.

**Support of Strategic Goals:**

- Goal 1: DISD supports students in a multitude of ways to nurture learning and ensure high performance.
- Goal 2: DISD values our employees and invests in their growth to ensure a highly effective and engaged staff.
- Goal 3: DISD fosters relationships with students, families and community members to ensure a culture of excellence.
- Goal 4: DISD manages funds and resources responsibly and transparently to maximize return on the community's investment.

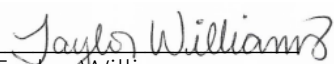
**Fiscal Implication:** N/A


**Administrative Recommendation:** Discussion only.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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