



"Ensuring learning while challenging each student to achieve full potential"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter provides you with important information about a **proposal for a one-hour late start two times per month for the 2010-11 school year**. This would give teachers and principals time to work together to focus on developing ways to improve instruction and lesson design in order to improve each student's learning experience and achievement.

****Before this proposal is formally presented to the School Board for further consideration, it is critical for us to first provide you with information about this plan and most importantly, seek your ideas and input. Please see the details below and let us know what you think about this proposal. What are your questions and concerns? We welcome and encourage your feedback. You may contact your school's principal or our district office at 332-3144 or via email at collabproposal@psd267.wednet.edu.**

In November of 2008, Pullman Public Schools reviewed and revised its Strategic Plan. One of the goals we developed includes establishing ***High Levels of Collaboration and Communication***. A committee of teachers and administrators has been working to develop a proposal that would begin to address this goal. Our current daily schedule does not allow for consistent common time for teachers and principals to work together. This proposal would provide for common time for teachers and principals to collaborate and work together. Our expectation, as we expect is yours, is that if we are able to provide teachers and principals with common time for professional dialogue and collaborative work, the learning and achievement of each student will be positively and significantly improved.

What would this mean for your child's schedule?

- Each of our schools would begin one hour later than the usual time on two Fridays every month during the school year.
- Bus routes would run one hour late, much like they do when we have a later start due to weather conditions.
- Breakfast would still be served at our schools, but it would also be one hour later than the usual time.
- Morning kindergarten would also continue to be held on these two Fridays, but would also start one hour later along with the rest of our students in grades 1-12.

We understand this proposal may present challenges for some families. One of these challenges may be childcare. We are working with our transportation department, our classified staff, and other community partners to explore possible solutions. Displacing instructional time may be perceived as a problem. We are committed to continue providing the highest quality education for your child and do so more effectively and efficiently as a result of purposeful, professional collaborative work.

Again, your feedback is very important to us. What do you think about this proposal? What are your questions and concerns? You may contact your school's principal or our district office at 332-3144 or via email at collabproposal@psd267.wednet.edu.

We will also post a link on our district website, <http://www.psd267.org/>, with more information about this proposal.

Sincerely,



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The following teachers and administrators have worked together to develop this proposal:

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