

# FACT SHEET: TRANSPORTATION & BELL TIMES



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To stop the cycle of budget deficits, MPS is committed to structurally balancing its revenues and expenses by school year 2019-20. This means taking a hard look at where it can cut back on spending. Some reasons for the budget deficits are complex, but they include:

- Unfunded or underfunded government mandates such as special education and English language services
- Salary and cost of living increases
- Enrollment declines
- Levels of transportation service
- Inflation

## The Inefficiency: Current Start Times

- 29 different start times for 68 schools
- 21 schools with regular education bussing have start times between 7:30 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.
- Only 6 schools have start times after 9:30 a.m.
- Imbalance means 78 extra buses needed for rush hour but not later in morning
- To balance this, more schools need to shift closer to 9:30 a.m. tier
- **Getting multiple, extended runs from one bus is where cost savings come**
- Fewer buses on longer shifts means less fuel and maintenance, less driver turnover and a more stable driver workforce; in turn, more consistent drivers forges better relationships with students and results in safer buses

## Transportation Savings

- **\$2M savings** for proposed bell time changes effective FY2018-19; **see next page for the list of proposed new bell times**
- Goal was to keep change in bell times to no more than 1 hour
- 4 out of 20 schools have a 70-minute change
- Input gathered from:
  - District Parent Advisory Council
  - Special Education Advisory Council
  - Bell Time Committee (department leaders; school principals)

## Budget Timeline 2018

The proposed bell times changes will be voted by the Board of Education as part its overall budget approval process as outlined here:

- **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

### Did you know?

- 70% of MPS' 35,717 students receive district transportation.
- More than 380 buses are needed to transport students.
- There are 180 bus routes with over 3,680 runs; a bus "run" is between a home stop and school while a "route" is a compilation of runs.
- Annually, over 6 million miles are traveled to/from school and activities.
- The median annual transportation cost by school is \$494,000.
- The transportation cost per student is:
  - \$998 for regular education
  - \$4,255 for special education
  - \$3,310 for homeless/highly mobile

## PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL START/END TIMES FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL	PROPOSED	CURRENT	MINNEAPOLIS KIDS SITE*
ANISHINABE	8:40 am/3:10 pm	8:05 am/2:35pm	No
ANTHONY	9:30 am/4:00 pm	8:30 am/3:50 pm	No
ANWATIN	9:30 am/4:00 pm	8:50 am/3:45 pm	No
BANCROFT	8:40 am/3:10 pm	7:30 am/2:00 pm	YES
BARTON	8:40 am/3:10 pm	7:30 am/2:00 pm	YES
BETHUNE	9:10 am/3:40 pm	8:40 am/3:10 pm	No
BRYN MAWR	8:40 am/3:10 pm	7:30 am/2:00 pm	YES
FRANKLIN	9:30 am/4:00 pm	8:30 am/3:45 pm	No
JEFFERSON	9:30 am/4:00 pm	9:40 am/4:10 pm	No
JENNY LIND	7:30 am/2:00 pm	8:35 am/3:05 pm	No
JUSTICE PAGE	9:30 am/4:00 pm	8:50 am/3:45 pm	YES
KENWOOD	8:05 am/2:35pm	7:30 am/2:00 pm	YES
NORTHEAST	9:30 am/4:00 pm	8:30 am/3:45 pm	No
OLSON	9:30 am/4:00 pm	8:45 am/3:45 pm	No
PRATT	9:10 am/3:40 pm	9:40 am/4:10 pm	YES
SANFORD	9:30 am/4:00 pm	8:45 am/3:45 pm	No
SULLIVAN	8:40 am/3:10 pm	8:05 am/2:35pm	No
TRANSITION PLUS	9:40 am/4:10 pm	9:00 am/3:20 pm	No
WENONAH	9:35 am/4:05 pm	9:30 am/4:00 pm	YES
WILDER METRO	9:10 am/3:40 pm	8:00 am/2:30 pm	No

\*Minneapolis Kids offers elementary before and after school care at certain school locations. Some locations offer just morning or afternoon care, or both. The sites listed above are subject to change. Please check their website for more details: [mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/locations](http://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/locations)

### For More Information

Budget website: [mpls.k12.mn.us/mps\\_budget](http://mpls.k12.mn.us/mps_budget) / Bell Times (Start/End Times): [mpls.k12.mn.us/schooltimes](http://mpls.k12.mn.us/schooltimes)

### Budget Community Discussions 2018

<b>Wednesday, Feb. 7</b> 6-8 p.m. Southwest High School 3414 W. 47th St.	<b>Thursday Feb. 8</b> 6-8 p.m. Davis Center 1250 W. Broadway	<b>Thursday Feb. 15</b> 6-8 p.m. Transition Plus - Wilder Complex 3320 Elliot Ave.
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