

# FACT SHEET: TRANSPORTATION & BELL TIMES



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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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. The causes of the budget deficits are complex, but some reasons include:

- Unfunded or underfunded government mandates such as special education and English Language Learner services
- Increases to negotiated staff salaries and benefits
- 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 the 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. More consistent drivers forge 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**
- The goal is to keep changes in start/end times to no more than one 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)

### Did you know?

- 70% of MPS's 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.
  - a "route" is a compilation of runs.
- Annually, over six million miles are traveled to/from schools 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

## Budget Timeline 2018

The proposed start/end time changes will be voted on by the Board of Education as part of its overall budget approval process. The timeline for adopting the 2018-19 budget is below:

- **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

<b>PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL START/END TIMES FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR</b>			
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>MINNEAPOLIS KIDS SITE*</b>
<b>ANISHINABE</b>	<b>8:40 am/3:10 pm</b>	8:05 am/2:35 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>ANTHONY</b>	<b>9:30 am/4:00 pm</b>	8:30 am/3:50 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>ANWATIN</b>	<b>9:30 am/4:00 pm</b>	8:50 am/3:45 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>BANCROFT</b>	<b>8:40 am/3:10 pm</b>	7:30 am/2:00 pm	<b>YES</b>
<b>BARTON</b>	<b>8:40 am/3:10 pm</b>	7:30 am/2:00 pm	<b>YES</b>
<b>BETHUNE</b>	<b>9:10 am/3:40 pm</b>	8:40 am/3:10 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>BRYN MAWR</b>	<b>8:40 am/3:10 pm</b>	7:30 am/2:00 pm	<b>YES</b>
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	<b>9:30 am/4:00 pm</b>	8:30 am/3:45 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>JEFFERSON</b>	<b>9:30 am/4:00 pm</b>	9:40 am/4:10 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>JENNY LIND</b>	<b>7:30 am/2:00 pm</b>	8:35 am/3:05 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>JUSTICE PAGE</b>	<b>9:30 am/4:00 pm</b>	8:50 am/3:45 pm	<b>YES</b>
<b>KENWOOD</b>	<b>8:05 am/2:35 pm</b>	7:30 am/2:00 pm	<b>YES</b>
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>9:30 am/4:00 pm</b>	8:30 am/3:45 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>OLSON</b>	<b>9:30 am/4:00 pm</b>	8:45 am/3:45 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>PRATT</b>	<b>9:10 am/3:40 pm</b>	9:40 am/4:10 pm	<b>YES</b>
<b>SANFORD</b>	<b>9:30 am/4:00 pm</b>	8:45 am/3:45 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>SULLIVAN</b>	<b>8:40 am/3:10 pm</b>	8:05 am/2:35 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>TRANSITION PLUS</b>	<b>9:40 am/4:10 pm</b>	9:00 am/3:20 pm	<b>No</b>
<b>WENONAH</b>	<b>9:35 am/4:05 pm</b>	9:30 am/4:00 pm	<b>YES</b>
<b>WILDER METRO</b>	<b>9:10 am/3:40 pm</b>	8:00 am/2:30 pm	<b>No</b>
<p><b>*Minneapolis Kids</b> offers before and after school care at certain elementary 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: <a href="http://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/locations">mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/locations</a></p>			

### **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**

<p><b>Wednesday, Feb. 7</b> 6-8 p.m. Southwest High School 3414 W. 47th St.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, Feb. 8</b> 6-8 p.m. Davis Center 1250 W. Broadway</p>	<p><b>Thursday, Feb. 15</b> 6-8 p.m. Transition Plus - Wilder Complex 3320 Elliot Ave.</p>
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*January 2018*