



May 18, 2009

Dear Parents and Families,

The proposed start and end times for our school, beginning September 2009, will be 9:10 start and 3:15 end.

We expect these times to be finalized by the School Board by June 3. For students eligible for yellow bus service, bus pick-up and drop-off times will be adjusted to fit this schedule. Those eligible for yellow bus service will receive a letter in the mail in August with specific information.

In March the School Board voted to approve new transportation service standards for the District. Following that vote, the District received additional feedback about these changes from families, principals, and staff. Based on that feedback we are proposing a revised schedule that will move up start times for all schools by 10-15 minutes.

Making these start/end time changes will ensure that all elementary students are picked up and dropped off either during daylight hours. We are working to finalize proposed times and detailed information for each school. The new transportation service standards will take effect September 2009.

The changes in transportation service standards will reduce ride times for many students, provide more consistency and reliability in schedules, and improve consistency of drivers on each route. These changes mean that Seattle Public Schools will transport the same number of students with 49 fewer buses, saving fuel and reducing the District's carbon footprint, while also maximizing operational efficiency and reducing transportation costs by \$2.2 million.

Next Steps

A motion for the proposed earlier school start times will be introduced to the School Board at its Wednesday, May 20 meeting and the Board will vote on the motion June 3. New school start/end times will be effective September 2009.

We will continue to provide our school community with updates and additional information as it becomes available

Sincerely,

Virginia Turner
Principal