



# Later Start Times

## - Status Update -

Elementary PTA Presentations



# Onteora Central School District

## Board of Education Resolution....

Resolution Approved March 23, 2021

“WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Onteora school board to consider the health and well being of our students; and

WHEREAS, our districts’ future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, democracy, and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial documentation regarding the later school start times benefit to student health and wellness by many accredited organizations such as The American Academy of Pediatrics and others; and

WHEREAS, our Onteora school board commits to an engagement throughout the 2021-2022 school year with all the stakeholders in our community regarding school start times, in order to facilitate best practices, and possibilities including direct communication in the form of meetings, forums, etc.; and

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Onteora School Board, in order to support student wellness resolves to move secondary start times to no earlier than 8am by September 2022.”



## Major Considerations

- Move secondary start time later by 20 minutes
- Maintain integrity of our academic program
- Ensure A.M./P.M./full day BOCES students have access to programs
- Maintain integrity of athletic programming in regards to scheduling/transportation
- Minimize impact to elementary scheduling
- Maintain after school programming at all levels



## Major Considerations

- Create realistic transportation schedules
- Adhere to employee contractual agreements
- Comply with NYS attendance regulations: 180 days of instruction, 900 instructional hours - elementary/ 990 instructional hours grades 7-12
- Additional Barriers
  - Middle School requires 9 periods to satisfy requirements
  - 14 cross-over teachers at the middle and high school level
  - BOCES start/end times and mandated certification hours
  - Daylight for athletic events
  - Section IX/MHAL scheduling



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## Secondary Schedule Comparisons

**Current Schedule**

Period	Time
1	7:40 am – 8:27 am
2	8:31 am – 9:13 am
3	9:17 am – 9:59 am
4	10:03 am – 10:45 am
5	10:49 am – 11:31 am
6	11:35 am – 12:17 pm
7	12:21 pm – 1:03 pm
8	1:07 pm – 1:49 pm
9	1:53 pm – 2:35 pm

**Proposed Schedule**

Period	Time
1	8:00 am – 8:40 am
2	8:44 am – 9:24 am
3	9:28 am – 10:08 am
4	10:12 am – 10:52 am
5	10:56 am – 11:36 am
6	11:40 am – 12:20 pm
7	12:24 pm – 1:06 pm
8	1:10 pm – 1:56 pm
9	2:00 pm – 2:42 pm



## A.M. BOCES Students

- Career and Tech Students
  - A.M. BOCES begins at 8:25 A.M.
  - Limit enrollment in A.M. career and tech courses
  - 2021-22: No students absolutely require A.M. programming; 2022-23 - TBD
  - Students attending would receive transportation via a special morning route
  - A.M. BOCES ends at 10:45 A.M.
  - Students would return right before 6<sup>th</sup> period



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## P.M. BOCES Students

- Career and Tech Students
  - 2021-22: Approximately 54 students
  - PM BOCES begins 11:35 am
  - Students would attend Onteora periods 1-4
    - . Students may need to leave period 4 approximately 5 minutes early
    - . Students need to order bag lunch
- PM BOCES ends at 1:50 pm
- Students would return to Onteora at 2:25 pm
- Students would be placed in a study hall (until 2:42pm)



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### **Special Education, Phoenix, TTP, OOD, & P-Tech Students**

- 2021-22: Approximately 47 students
- Students will continue to receive transportation via special route





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## Impact on Students - Athletes

- Athletic Director will work with Section IX to move start times to 4:45 where possible
  - Fall season games will need to remain between 4:14 pm – 4:30 pm due to daylight issues
  - Sectionals/ Championships events will not be changed
- Transportation schedule will be revised & arrival times at events will be shortened
  - Safety, Sports specific warm-up times an issue



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# Late Buses



- Late Bus Run # 1  
- 4:35 pm
- Late Bus Run # 2  
- 5:30 pm



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# Elementary Schedule Comparisons

### CURRENT SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:40 AM	Students Arrival
9:00 AM	Classes Begin
3:30 PM	Bus Dismissal
3:30 -4:20 PM	After School Program/ Activities

### POSSIBLE SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 am	Student Arrival
9:20 AM	Classes Begin
3:50 PM	Bus Dismissal
3:50-4:35 PM	After School Program/ Activities



# **Impact on Elementary**

- ❖ **Students will arrive home (on average) 4:45 -5:00pm**
- ❖ **Review impact of after school programs/ activities in elementary school buildings**
  - **Elementary After School Programs begin 3:50 pm**
  - **Participating Bennett students arrive home (on average) 5:20 -5:35pm**
- ❖ **Review impact with non-school related after school activities( i.e., youth league programs.)**



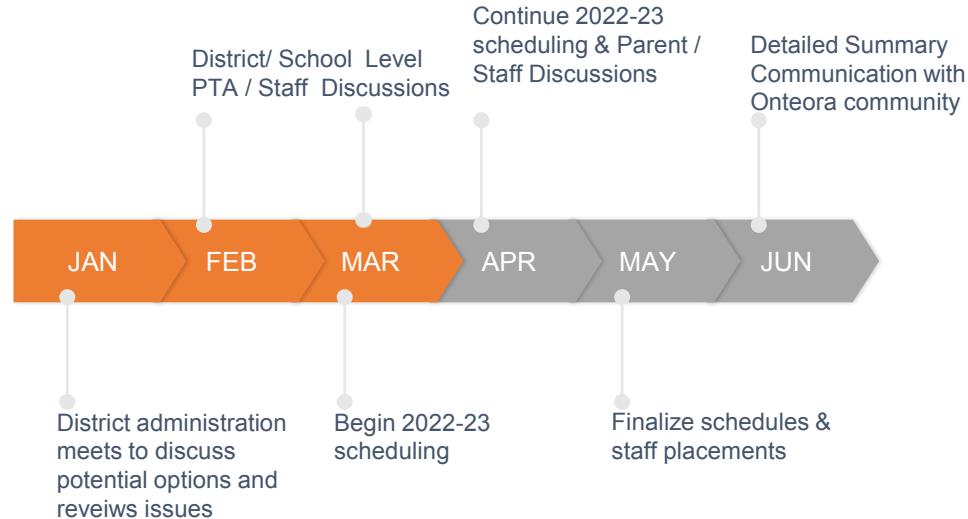
## Other Elementary Possibilities

- ❖ Investigated 21CCLC after school funding – no new funding available
- ❖ Investigating Healthy Kids Program – for primary schools
- ❖ Review impact with non-school related after school activities ( i.e., youth league programs)
- ❖ Flexibility to add bus runs – due to extreme driver shortage this will not be a viable option.



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## Timeline for Addressing Later Start Times



Consistent communication will be maintained on the District website and through updates at Board meetings



Comments  
encouraged!

# Questions, Comments, Thoughts

