



# Budget Update

School Board Meeting  
Dr. Teri Staloch, Superintendent  
Kristen Hoheisel, Chief Financial Officer  
April 7, 2025

# Land Acknowledgement

*We acknowledge Robbinsdale Area Schools is located on the homelands of the Dakota and Ojibwe people.*

*We recognize the painful history of genocide and forced assimilation of the Indigenous inhabitants of this land.*

*We honor and respect the many Indigenous peoples who live on and hold sacred these lands, and we stand with members of these Nations to fight injustice in all of its forms.*

*We uphold the preservation of Dakota and Ojibwe languages, land based education, and tribal sovereignty.*

# Mission

*The mission of Robbinsdale Area Schools is to **inspire** and **educate** all learners to develop their **unique potential** and **positively contribute** to their community.*

# Outcomes

1. Provide overview of MN school district finance reality; Rdale school reductions and service model changes
2. Understand how a tiered transportation system and bell times align
3. Review impact of changing bell times
4. Discuss proposed bell times and walk zones to determine if adjustments should be made starting in the 2025-26 school year



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# Statewide Funding Challenges



# We Are Not Alone

Rdalen's \$21 million shortfall is part of a much larger trend across Minnesota.

- Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) districts (50+) project \$280M+ in shortfalls for 2025–26
- Rising costs + unfunded mandates are straining school budgets across Minnesota
- 23 districts will see current shortfalls grow because of cuts under the Governor's proposed budget





# 2024-25 Planned Reductions

## *Board Approved Reductions: Spring 2024*

ESC Departments	Planned	Gap	Actual
Administration	\$ 973,152	\$188,202	\$784,950
Technology	\$ 665,600	\$ 0	\$ 665,600
Communications	\$ 84,828	\$ 0	\$ 84,828
Business Services	\$ 138,450	\$ 0	\$ 138,450
HR / Nutrition * \$72,492 change	\$ 205,174	\$60,230	\$ 144,944
C&I, Enrollment, Assessment * \$72,492 change	\$ 1,706,845	\$ 692,337	\$ 1,014,508
Community Education	\$ 35,079	Not option	\$ 10,000



# 2024-25 Planned Reductions

## *Board Approved Reductions: Spring 2024*

Schools and Other Categories	Planned	Gap	Actual
School-based Reductions	\$ 11,115,081	\$11,115,081	\$ 0
Non-Personnel Reductions	\$ 2,450,000	\$2,050,000	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,374,290</b>	<b>\$14,105,850</b>	<b>\$3,243,280</b>

Total **planned** general fund reduction:  
**\$17.4 million**

Total **realized** general fund reduction:  
**\$3.24 million**

Total **gap** in general fund reductions:  
**\$14.1 million**



# Short and Long Term Planning

Since November, and in every public forum since—including town halls and Board meetings—we've been transparent about both our short- and long-term plans and approach:

- "Mind the Gap" – use last year's board-approved budget reductions as a roadmap to guide this year's reductions
- Study all aspects of the district
- Use both to develop this year's reductions

Teri will talk about the long term planning





# FY26 Preliminary Reduction Targets

**AREA: DISTRICT**

**REDUCTIONS**

**➔ \$15.76-17.76 million**

## DETAILS

### PROPOSED AREA OF REDUCTION

- ESC administration **\$1,185,750**
- ESC other staff **\$852,100**
- School-based reductions **\$13M-\$15M**
- Transportation **\$728,000**

**TOTAL: \$15,765,850 to \$17,765,850**

# Preliminary School Reductions

## \$13 - 15 Million



- Larger class sizes in many schools
- Reductions in staffing across the district
- Service model changes in multiple areas



# Larger Class Sizes and Reductions in Staffing

- Fewer FTE allocation to buildings with principals making difficult decisions:
  - Security EAs will remain with fewer FTE
  - Counselors and Media Specialists impacted by FTE allocation and decisions of principals
- Seven multi-age classrooms at the elementary level



# Larger Class Sizes at Many Schools

Current Class Size Ratio	
Kindergarten	20.2
1st	20.4
2nd	21
3rd	23.5
4th	22.9
5th	23.3
Middle School	22.5
High School	23.4

Rdale Max Class Size Ratio	
Kindergarten	25
1st	26
2nd	28
3rd	28
4th	30
5th	31
Middle School	25.2
High School	28.1

# Service Model Changes

- Health Services being restructured
  - Same number of health professionals at each school
- Center-based classrooms
  - Staffed to ratio in the teacher contract
  - Assessing locations



# Walk Zone Changes

**Elementary Schools:** 0.5 mile to 0.8 mile

**Middle Schools:** 0.7 mile to 1.0 mile

**High Schools:** 1.0 mile remains 1.0 mile

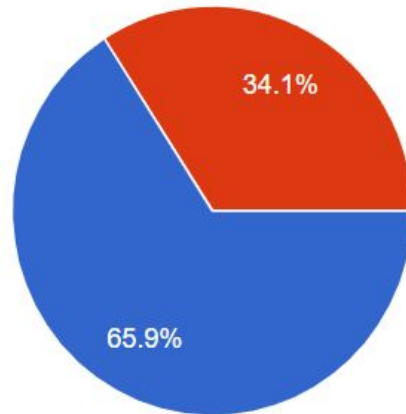
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# Walk Zone Changes

Elementary Walk zone changes from 0.5 mile to 0.8 mile.

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44 responses



-  I support this change.
-  I do NOT support this change.

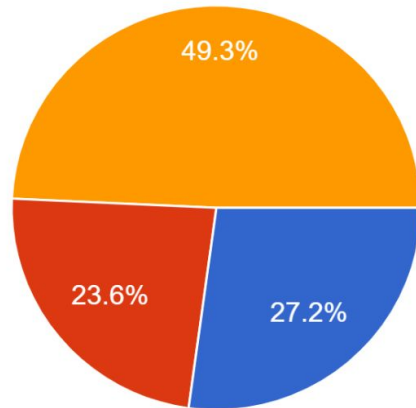
*Forest Elementary*



# Walk Zone Changes

Middle Schools: Walk zone changes from 0.7 mile to 1.0 mile.

276 responses



- Agree
- Disagree
- Does not apply

***FAIR - Crystal***



# Proposed Bell Times 2025-26

School	AM Arrival 25/26 students released	AM Bell 24-25	Proposed AM Bell 25-26	PM Arrival 24-25	Proposed PM Arrival 25/26	PM Bell 24-25	Proposed PM Bell 25/26	PM Depart 24-25	Proposed PM Depart 25/26
Forest ES	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:40 AM	1:45 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:00 PM	2:13 PM	2:07 PM
Lakeview ES	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:40 AM	1:45 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:00 PM	2:13 PM	2:07 PM
Meadow Lake ES	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:40 AM	1:45 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:00 PM	2:13 PM	2:07 PM
Neill ES	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:40 AM	1:45 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:00 PM	2:13 PM	2:07 PM
Noble ES	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:40 AM	1:45 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:00 PM	2:13 PM	2:07 PM
Northport ES	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:40 AM	1:45 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:00 PM	2:13 PM	2:07 PM
Sonnesyn ES	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:40 AM	1:45 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:00 PM	2:13 PM	2:07 PM
Zachary Lane ES	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:40 AM	1:45 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:00 PM	2:13 PM	2:07 PM
RSI ES	7:30 AM	9:20 AM	7:40 AM		1:40 PM	4:00 PM	2:00 PM		2:07 PM
Fair School Pilgrim ES	7:55 AM	8:05 AM		2:10 PM	2:17 PM	2:30 PM	2:25 PM		2:32 PM



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Armstrong HS	8:25 AM	8:35 AM	8:35 AM	3:17 PM	3:00 PM	3:25 PM	3:15 PM	3:30 PM	3:20 PM
Cooper HS	8:25 AM	8:35 AM	8:35 AM	3:17 PM	3:00 PM	3:25 PM	3:15 PM	3:30 PM	3:20 PM
Highview		<b>8:35 AM</b>		<b>3:10 PM</b>		3:35 PM		<b>3:15 PM</b>	
Plymouth MS	9:15 AM	9:20 AM	9:25 AM	4:05 PM		4:05 PM		4:13 PM	
Robbinsdale MS	9:15 AM	9:20 AM	9:25 AM	4:05 PM		4:05 PM		4:13 PM	
Sandburg MS	9:15 AM	9:20 AM	9:25 AM	4:05 PM		4:05 PM		4:13 PM	
FAIR - Crystal	9:15 AM		9:25 AM		4:00 PM		4:05 PM		4:05 PM
SEA	9:05 AM	9:20 AM	9:15 AM	3:35 PM	3:20 PM	3:40 PM	3:35 PM	3:50 PM	3:42 PM
RTC	9:15 AM	8:30 AM	9:20 AM	2:25 PM		2:30 PM	3:20 PM	2:35 PM	
New Hope Learning Center Pre-K		8:15 AM		2:10 PM		2:10 PM		2:20 PM	



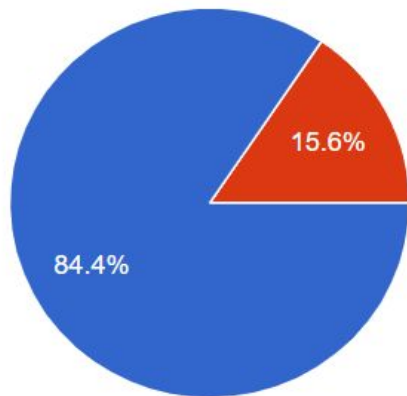
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# Bell Time Changes

Forest School hours for School Year 25-26 would be 7:40 am - 2:00 pm.

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45 responses



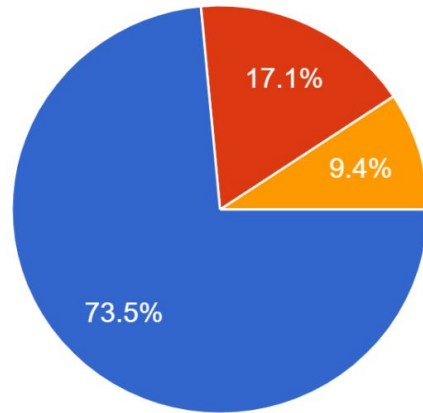
-  I support this change to start 5 minutes earlier.
-  I do NOT support this change to start 5 minutes earlier.

***Forest Elementary***

# Bell Time Changes

Bell times for 25-26: Please choose the option that would work best for you/your student.

374 responses

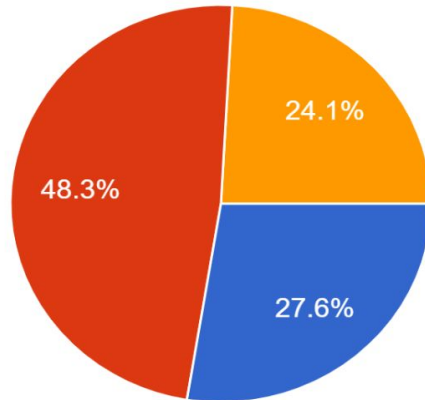


- Keep the bell schedule of 9:20-3:40
- Change the bell schedule to 7:40-2:00
- I am indifferent of the change

***RSI - students and families***

# Bell Time Changes

Bell times for 25-26: Please choose the option that would work best for you/your student.  
29 responses



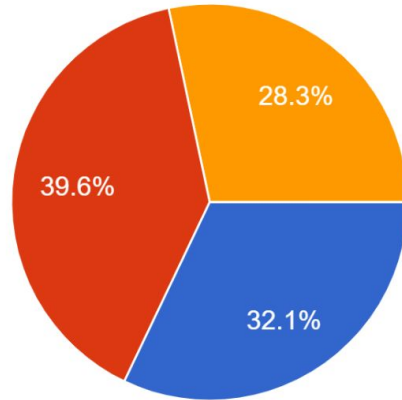
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- I am indifferent of the change

***RSI - staff***

# Bell Time Changes

This proposal has us sharing buses with Fair School Crystal (this is our feeder middle school). How do you feel about this change?

240 responses



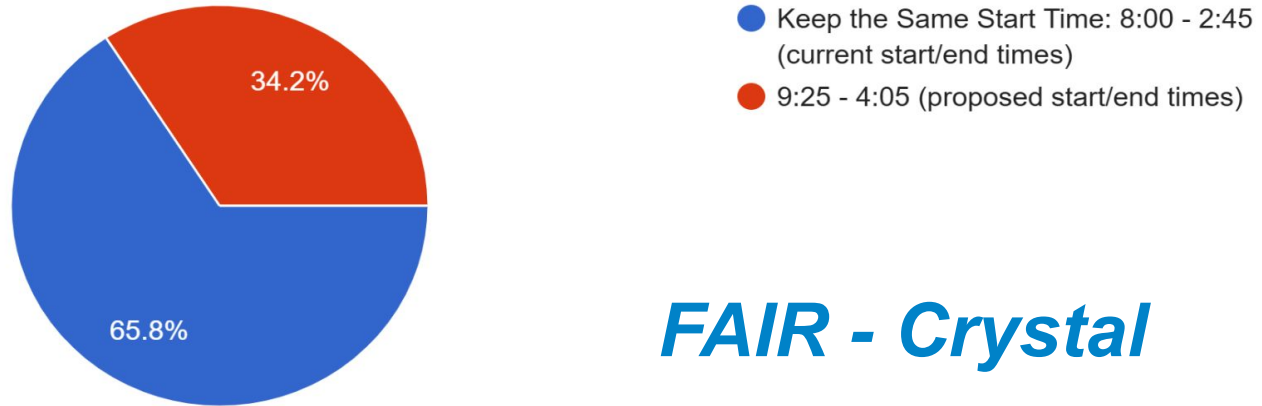
- Supportive
- Neutral
- Concerned- please explain in comments section

***SEA Elementary***

# Bell Time Changes

Start times for 25-26: Please choose the option that would work best for you/your student.

278 responses



***FAIR - Crystal***





# FY26 Preliminary Reduction Targets

**AREA:**

**Transportation**

**REDUCTIONS**

➔ **\$728,000**

**PERCENT OF  
TRANSPORT  
BUDGET:**

➔ **4%**

## DETAILS

### TRANSPORTATION

- Minneapolis transportation **-\$264,000**
- Bell times and walk zones **-\$437,000**
- Activity bus reductions **-\$27,000**

**TOTAL: -\$728,000**

# *Reimagine Rdale: Vision 2030* Long Term Plan

## **Pillars of the work:**

- **Vision 2030 Team:** A 46-member stakeholder team driving the process.
- **Community Survey:** Gathering large-scale feedback from district families and community members.
- **Community Engagement:** Robust efforts to ensure diverse perspectives shape the future.



# Long Term Plan: Vision 2030

- Survey: **4,427**
- Staff meetings: **1,207**
- Student meetings: **3,469**
- Community meetings: **373**
- Pop-ups: **773**

Total engagements: **10,295**

*About 20 percent of our 50,000 goal*





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# Questions?

