

Strategic Plan | Specific Result Report

Goal 2 Action Plan Year 1 Priorities – 2017-2018

Call to Action:

Katy ISD learners, through active engagement, achieve individual success while making positive contributions in an ever-changing world.

Goal 2:

Katy ISD will develop systems where customized resources will ensure equity in response to the needs of a growing district with rapidly changing demographics.

Specific Results:

2.4 Two Mile Turn-by-Turn - Examine a two mile turn-by-turn approach to determine if it provides conservation of transportation routes that would allow transition to a multi-bell schedule.

Summary:

As part of the Year 1 priorities, Katy ISD Operations staff examined the possibility of a two mile turn-by-turn approach to determine if it would provide conservation of transportation routes that would allow transition to a multi-bell schedule.

In the fall of 2017, a committee was formed to study a two mile turn-by-turn model along with the impact on the Transportation Department and their ability to maintain current levels of service to Katy ISD students. Additionally, it was hoped that the conservation of routes would allow for the potential transition to a multi-bell schedule for the various campus grade levels in the district.

A survey research firm was enlisted to provide support in developing and administering a survey to district stakeholders regarding the two mile turn-by-turn option, as well as a transition to a multi-bell schedule. The survey was made available and the results were reported to the Katy ISD Board of Trustees at the February 19, 2018 meeting. The results indicated that parents were in favor of a multi-bell schedule versus the two mile turn-by-turn option with high schools starting first, elementary schools starting second and junior high schools starting last.

The Katy ISD Transportation Department recommended that the Board of Trustees (Board) approves the move to a multi-bell schedule in the fall of 2018 with school start times mirroring those deemed most favorable by the survey. This option allows for a conservation of transportation routes which would be sustainable for the foreseeable future. Board approval for this plan was achieved on February 26, 2018.