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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your feedback regarding implementing a two-tiered transportation schedule. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with **90.6% of the feedback being in favor** of the two-tiered schedule. Therefore, **we will begin implementing this new two-tiered schedule in August of next school year.**

As follows is some of the positive feedback we received:

- Love the later start time for Secondary Schools! Research suggests that later start times are beneficial for teenagers.
- Keeping older and younger kids on different buses is great!
- We have so many changes every day and late buses. I think this is a great idea!
- I've seen this work great in other districts.
- Thanks for thinking outside the box to solve this problem!
- This tier system will help parents who drop off kids at elementary schools before secondary school.
- Getting to multiple schools will no longer be as challenging. This coming year, I would drop off at Boynton, drop off at HHS, and then go to HMS to work daily. This is nearly impossible on a one-tiered system, but the 2-tiered system will make this much more manageable.

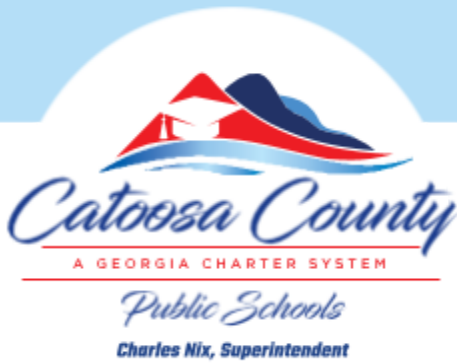
There were some concerns mentioned in your feedback. I want to address them here:

- **Will schools still have shuttle buses?** We are working hard to keep them.
- **Will students still have the same amount of time for lunch and PE?** Yes, daily schedules and instruction time will not be impacted. Everything is simply moved back or forward.
- **Will after-school care (ASP) still be available?** Yes, the two-tier change will not affect after-school care. ASPs are school-based programs and as such are independent of dismissal times.
- **Will high schools still be released early one day per week?** Yes
- **Will principals allow teachers to drop off their children so they can get to their schools?** As in the past, teachers will contact principals to work out the details.
- **My job requires me to be at work early, which is difficult when secondary schools open at 7:15.** As is currently the case, please reach out to the school principal to find a workaround.
- **How does this affect teacher schedules?** The length of the teacher's workday will not be affected.

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- **Why can't the secondary schools begin and dismiss first?** Secondary schools require far more instructional minutes than elementary schools. This would result in a very early start time for secondary schools. Start and end times must remain in the same order for schools to receive their required instructional minutes. Regardless of starting order, some elementary students require adult supervision either before school or after school. Therefore, elementary schools will continue to be dismissed first, requiring an adult to be present to receive any student younger than 8 in the PM.
- **Why not use a contract transportation company?** Not only would contract drivers not be CCPS employees, but our transportation expenses would also increase dramatically.

As I said before, this is not a silver bullet that will solve every transportation challenge. However, it will be a major improvement as part of our comprehensive update. **We will also implement the following:**

- New and improved GPS and routing software
- New parent/student bus notifications app (transition will occur during the fall semester of 2024)
- Optimized and consolidated bus routes
- Improved school dismissal loading times with fewer bus callbacks

<b>1st Tier:</b>	<b>Elementary Schools (Primary / Elementary):</b>	<b>7:50 am- 2:20/2:30 pm</b>
<b>2nd Tier:</b>	<b>Secondary Schools (Middle and High):</b>	<b>8:15 am- 3:30 pm</b>

The district will soon begin an intentional and comprehensive communication effort to ensure everyone remains updated on our progress. School newsletters and websites will be updated and a **Transportation Questions** button will be added to the CCPS Website. Together, we will make the transition as smooth as possible, improving our service to our parents, students, staff, and the entire CCPS community. As always, thank you for your support of CCPS!

Sincerely,

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