

High School Start Time Working Group Update

**Newton Public Schools School Committee
April 11, 2016**

Extended Timeline

- ▶ Work will continue in 2016-17
- ▶ Additional time needed for review, discussion, community input, budget deliberations as necessary, and implementation
- ▶ Important to allow time for rolling out a potential shift in a way that minimizes impact
- ▶ Learning about experiences in other districts validates Newton's approach:
 - ▶ Methodical and data-driven
 - ▶ Comprehensive and inclusive of diverse community perspectives
 - ▶ Supportive of the parallel community education efforts



HIGH SCHOOL START TIME WORKING GROUP TIMELINE

	2014-15					2015-16					2016-17					2017-18					2018-19																				
Student Assignment Process	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Initial Review and Report										★																															
Working Group Formation													★																												
Define Scope of Work: Working Group Introduction													★																												
Convene Working Group: Establish Timeline																																									
Establish Communication Tools																																									
Regular School Committee Updates														★	★	★				★	★		★																		
Collect School and Community Data																																									
Student Survey Implementation and Analysis																★																									
Faculty/Staff Survey Implementation and Analysis																																									
Parent/Guardian Survey Implementation and Analysis																																									
Public Presentation / Public Feedback																																									
Development of Scenarios/Options																																									
Large Working Group Meetings (w/ Ad Hoc Members)																																									
School Committee Update																																									
Year End Report to School Committee																																									
Collect Feedback on Scenarios: School District Forum																																									
Discussion of Preferred Options																																									
Planning for Potential Operational / Budget Impacts																																									
Update to School Committee on Operational and/or Budget Impacts																																									
FY18 Superintendent's Budget: Potential Later Start Time Initiative																																									
Implementation planning																																									
Earliest possible potential change																																									

Event	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
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Next Steps

ACTIVITIES	DATE
Parent/Guardian Survey Release	April 8, 2016
Follow-up/Monitor returns: Goal is a representative group of participants	April 9 – 15, 2016
Analysis of parent/guardian survey data	May 2016
Scenario Development	April - May 2016
Working Group Community Status Update and Public Feedback	May 23, 2016 6:00 p.m.
School Committee Update	May 23, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Year End Report	June 20, 2016
Continued Discussion and Public Feedback	Fall 2016

Student Survey Release #2

- ▶ **Additional data posted for community on website**
- ▶ Student survey open response thematic analysis and sub-groups
- ▶ Student survey response frequencies



Website

<http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/laterstarttime>

- ▶ District communication and approach
 - ▶ Working group presentations
 - ▶ F.A.Q.
 - ▶ Timeline and upcoming dates
 - ▶ Information about other communities
 - ▶ Data releases
 - ▶ Links to health/wellness education materials
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