

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

High School Start Time Working Group

Teacher Survey January 2016

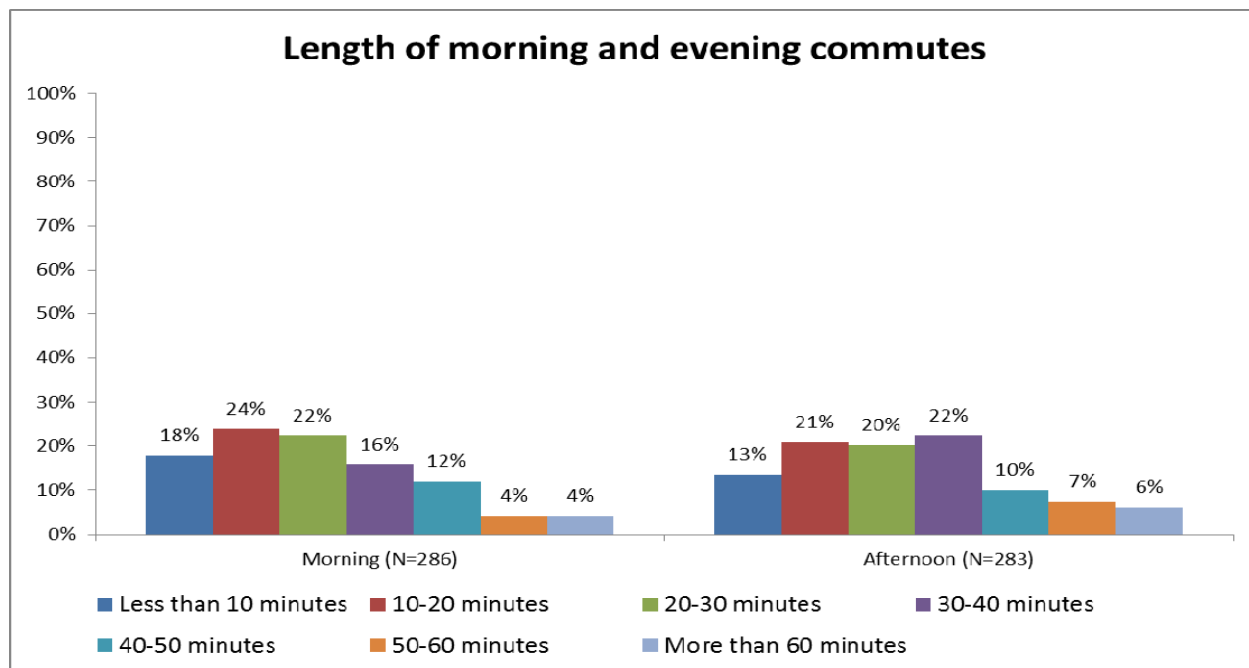
Teacher Survey Results Brief #1 – March 14, 2016

Response Rates

- ▶ Includes faculty/staff at North, South, and alternative education programs
- ▶ Overall response rate of 41.2%
- ▶ Teacher response rate of 46%
- ▶ Over 89% of participants are 1.0 FTEs

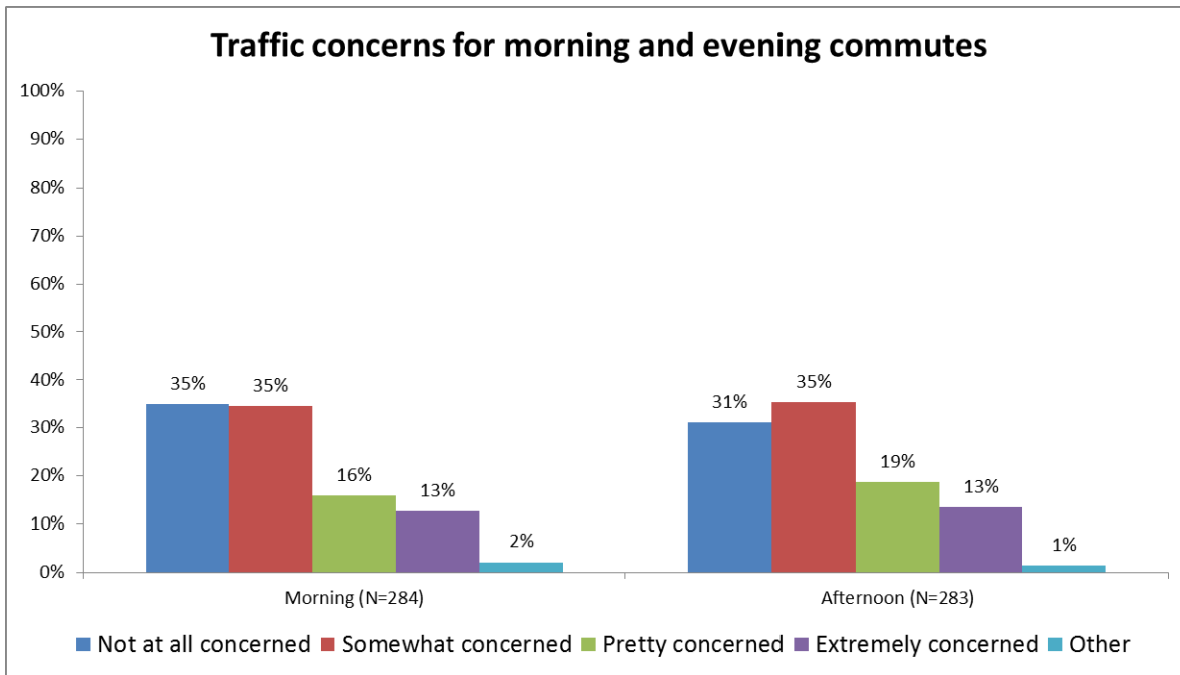
Feedback from Teachers

Current Commutes



- ▶ More than half of the participants (59%) leave their homes between 6:30 – 7:15 am
- ▶ Current commutes tend to get longer in the afternoon

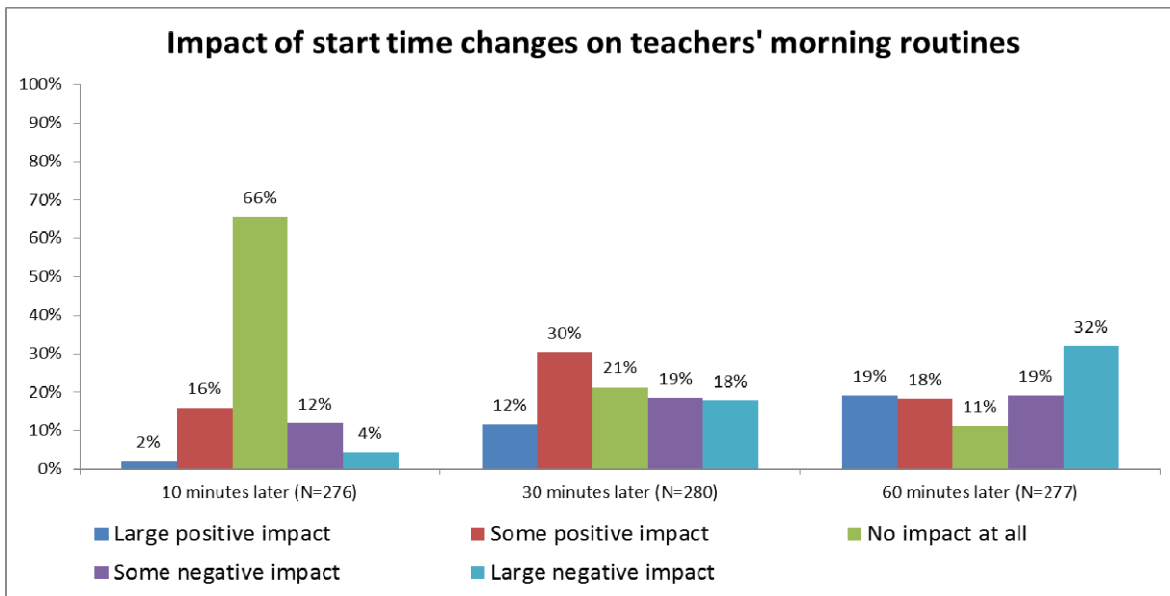
Traffic concerns for morning and evening commutes:



- ▶ Current traffic concerns are relatively consistent in the morning and afternoon

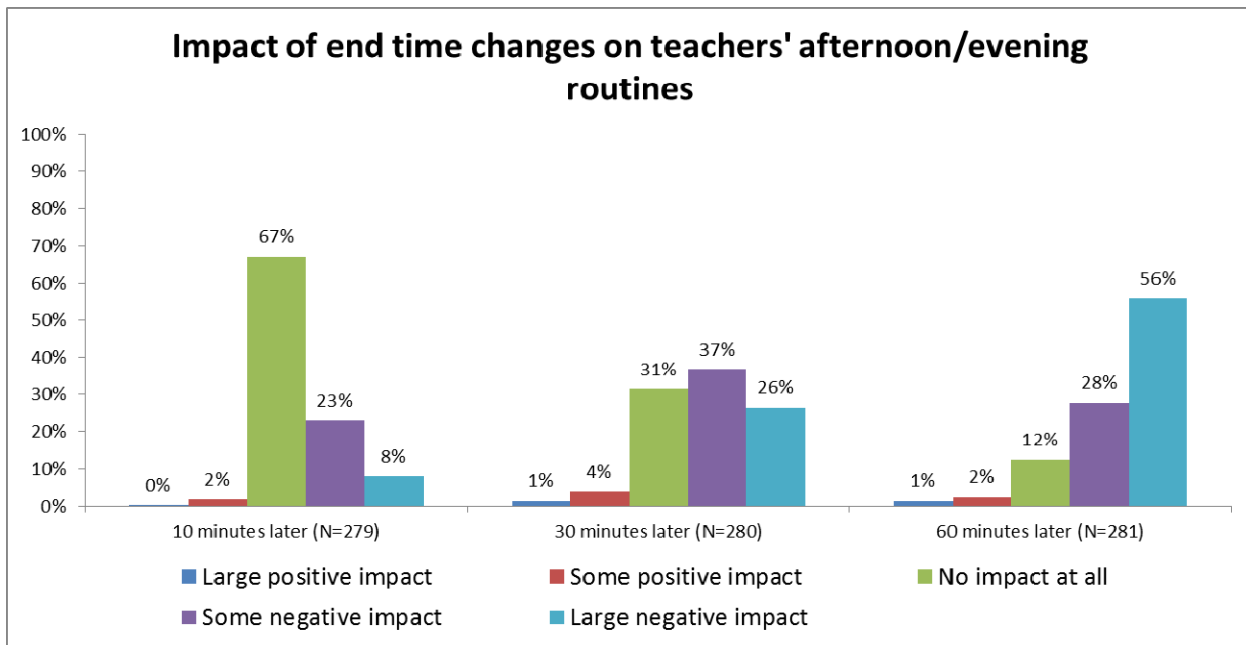
Impact of Potential Changes

Impact on morning routines



- ▶ 10 minutes later has a negative impact on only 16% of participants
- ▶ 30 minutes and 60 minutes later have both negative and positive impact on morning routines

Impact on afternoon/evening routines



- ▶ Ending 60 minutes later has negative impacts for most participants

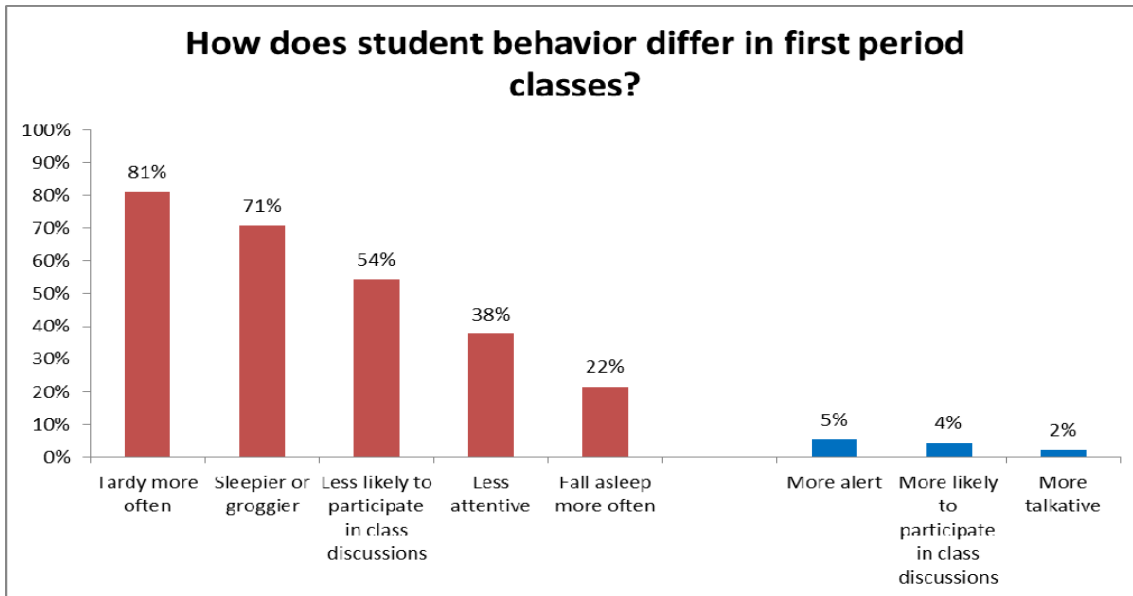
Impact on afternoon/evening commitments

The survey asked about both routines and commitments since it is assumed that the later are more difficult to change, or need greater advance planning to change.

- ▶ Participants were also asked about impact on morning and afternoon/evening commitments
 - ▶ Stipend and non-stipend work for NPS
 - ▶ Paid employment outside NPS
 - ▶ Child care
 - ▶ Elder care
 - ▶ Coursework
 - ▶ Exercise/gym
- ▶ Similar patterns for impact as seen in the previous slides

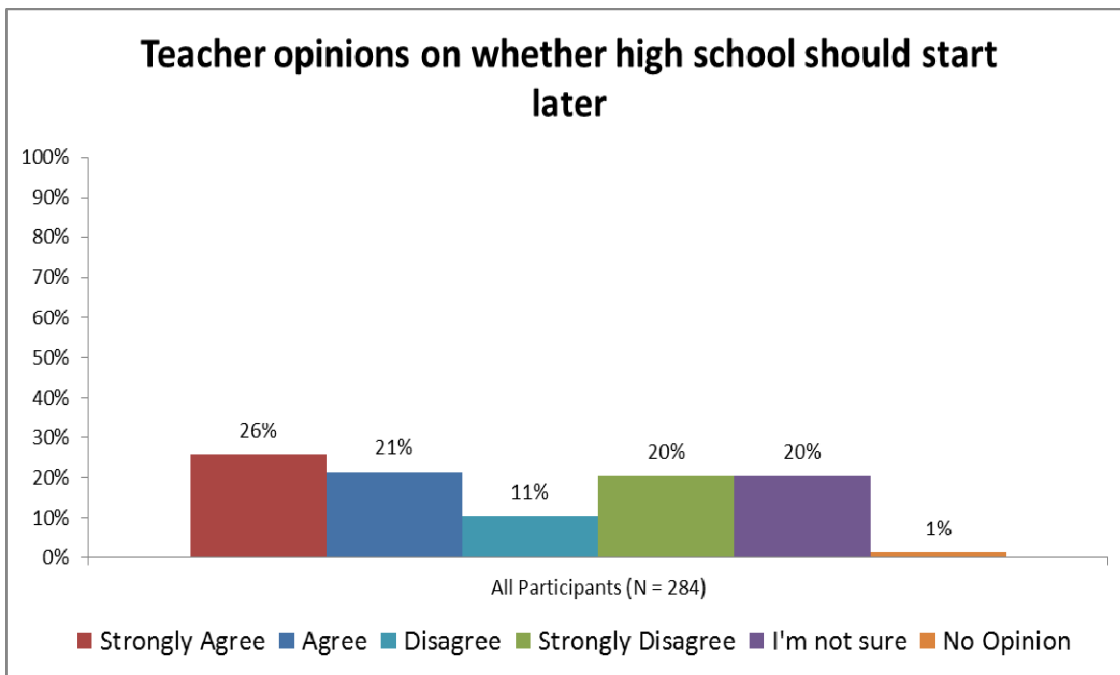
Feedback from Teachers:

Student behavior



- ▶ 80% of participants said student behavior differed in first period
- ▶ The most frequently selected behaviors that differed in first period are more “negative” behaviors

Opinions about starting later



- ▶ Teachers are more split on this question than students
 - ▶ 66% of students strongly agree or agree
 - ▶ 18% of students strongly disagree or disagree

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