

City of Boston

In School Committee

December 6, 2017

SCHOOL START TIMES REALIGNMENT

ORDERED, That the School Committee hereby approves a system-wide change for school start and end times that achieves the following goals:

- In line with research about start times that maximize learning, increase the number of secondary school students (with a specific goal of a majority of secondary school students) starting after 8 a.m.;
- Where possible, increase the number of elementary school students (with a specific goal of a majority of elementary school students) dismissing before 4 p.m.;
- Where possible, assign schools with higher concentrations of medically fragile students or students with autism or emotional impairment to bell times reflective of the needs of their student body;
- Where possible, do all of the above while maximizing reinvestment in schools.

Additionally, understanding the crucial role that our out-of-school partners play in providing services, programming, enrichment and other opportunities to our students, the Boston Public Schools will work with partners to think innovatively around school day design to ensure that these opportunities are part of the range of options offered to our students.

This policy, the results of which should be annually reported to the Boston School Committee and formally reviewed every five years, supersedes all prior Boston School Committee policies on school start times.

On roll call, the order was approved by the following vote:

YEAS – Michael Loconto, Alexandra Oliver-Dávila, Jeri Robinson, Regina Robinson, Miren Uriarte, Vice-Chairperson Hardin Coleman, and Chairperson Michael D. O’Neill – 7

NAYS – 0

ABSENT – 0

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Sullivan
Executive Secretary