

MSDWT – School Start Times 2019-2020

Community Presentation



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Potential Changes Effective: 2019-2020

- ▣ Why is the District considering a change?
- ▣ Why 2019 – 2020
- ▣ Stakeholder Feedback
- ▣ Limitations
- ▣ Challenges
- ▣ Use of Outside Consultant



Why is the District considering a change?

Research supports later school start times for adolescent students.

- ▣ To put our students in the best position to be successful based on research;
- ▣ Early research from Minnesota Supporting Later HS Start Times
- ▣ American Association of Pediatric Medicine – Several Research Articles Supporting Later Start Times
- ▣ Neuroscience and Brain Research – Ongoing Research to Support Later Start Times



Why 2019-2020

- Bus transportation routing will need to change due to 2019-2020 Enrollment Rebalancing;
- Two major changes combined in one year (Enrollment Rebalancing /School Hours) rather than consecutive years of major changes



Requirements when considering school times -

Through analysis of stakeholder feedback as well as before and after school requirements of our schools, we have developed the following guiding principals or requirements when developing school start/end times:

- ▣ Attempt to start the first school time at approximately 7:30 AM (Earliest pick up would be 6:20 AM or slightly earlier);
- ▣ Last school end time no later than 4:25 PM (Extra-curricular, Late Activity Bus, and Supervision requirements restrict the time from ending later);

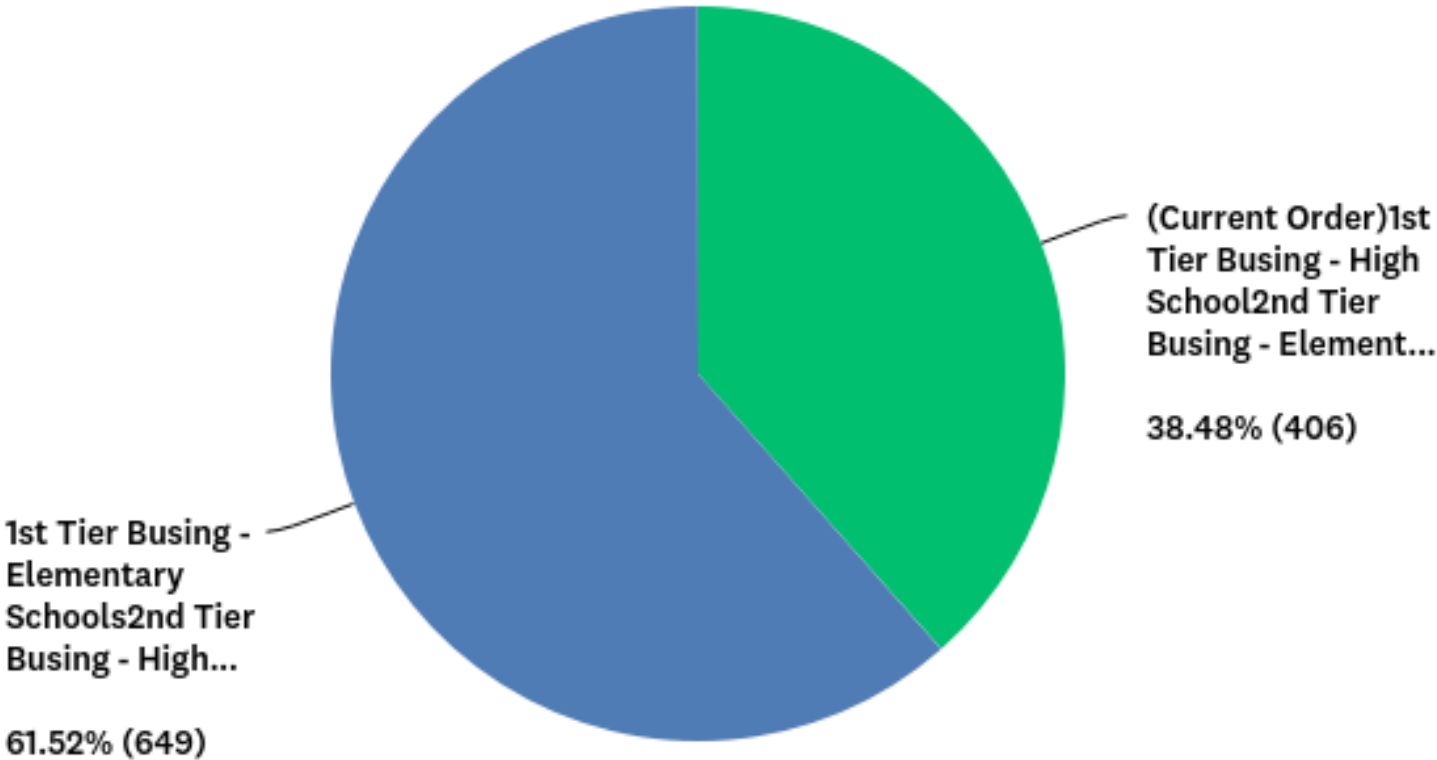


Stakeholder Feedback

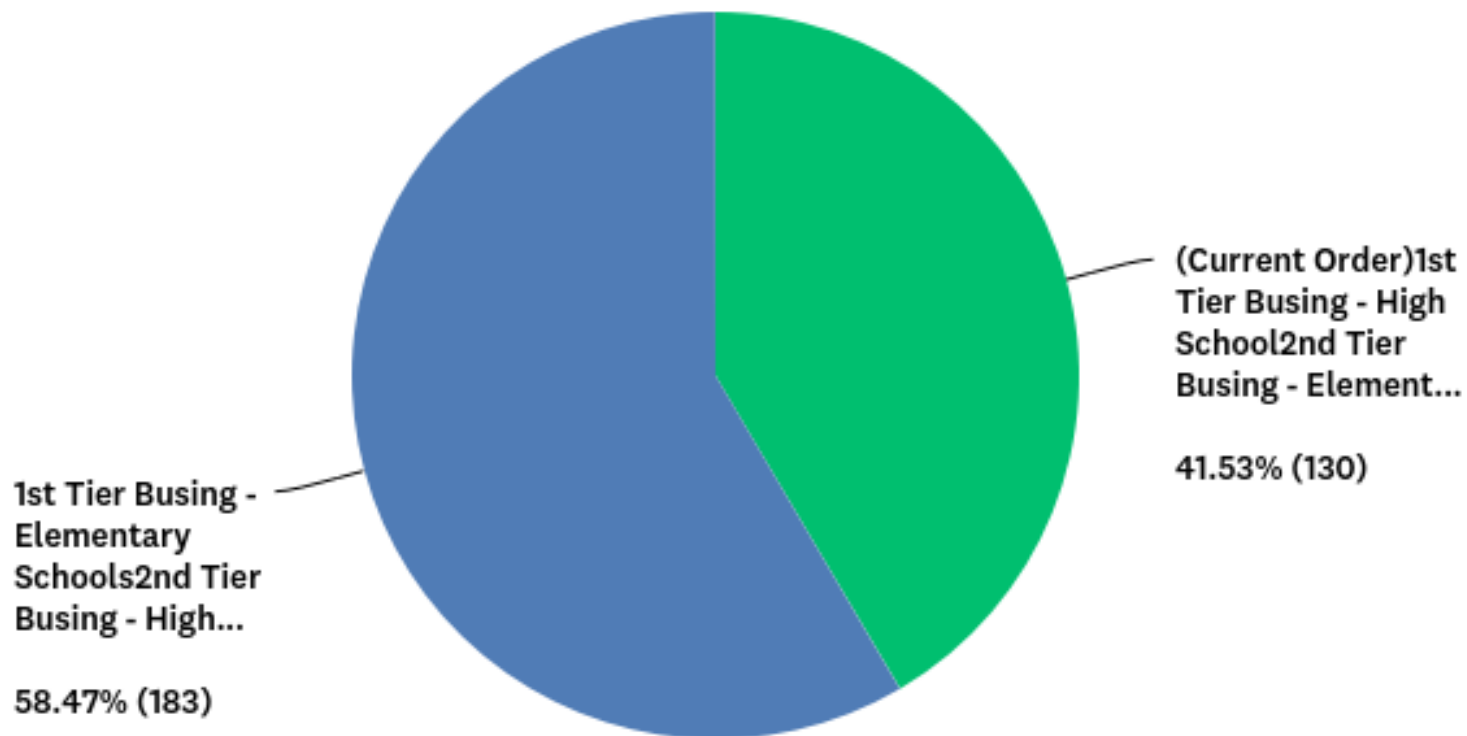
- Community Stakeholder Survey - Spring/Summer 2017 with over 1000 Survey Respondents;
- November/December 2017 Stakeholder Survey – Over 2500 views and over 1400 Respondents;
- Discussion with Parents, Teacher Representatives, Administrators, and School Board;
- For the past twelve months, the MSDWT School Board has been extremely involved in conversations regarding school start/end times. The Board asked that the administration include this topic at the same time we address Enrollment Rebalancing.



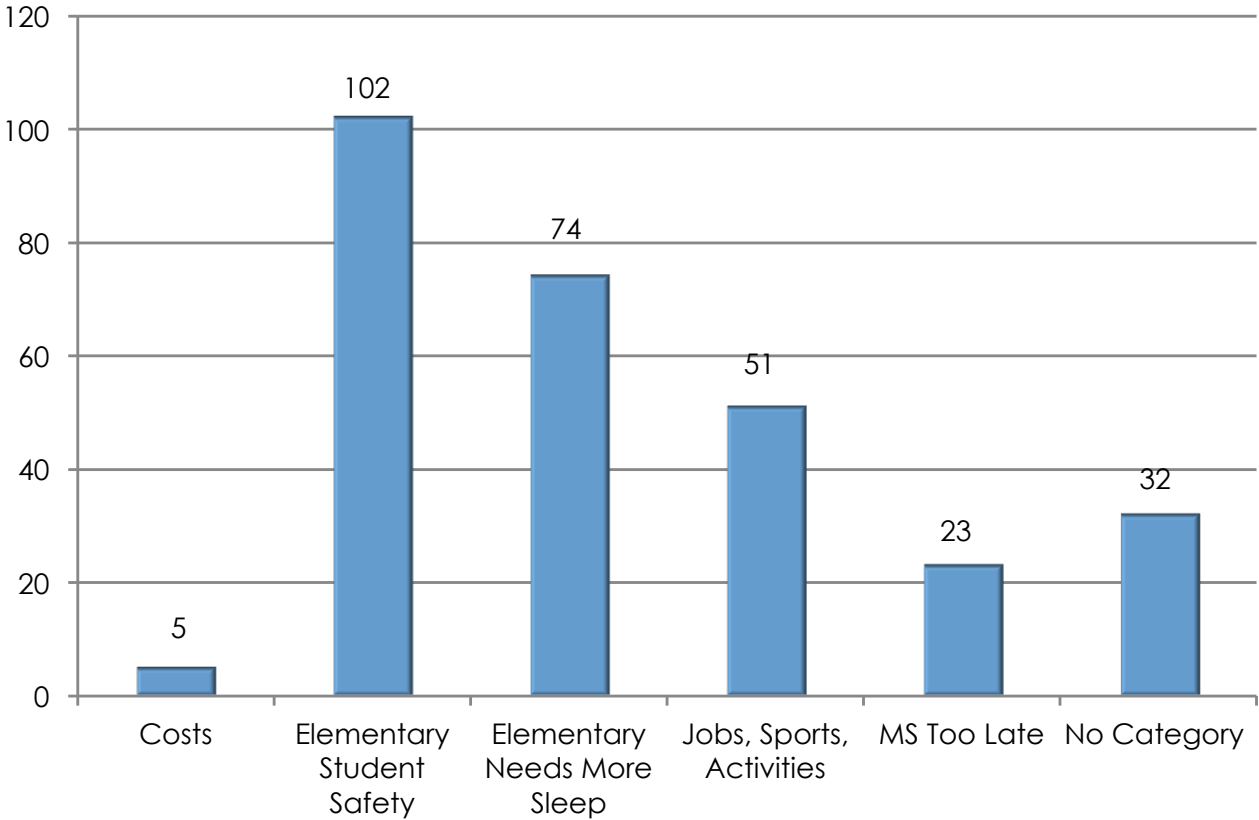
Stakeholder Feedback Parents



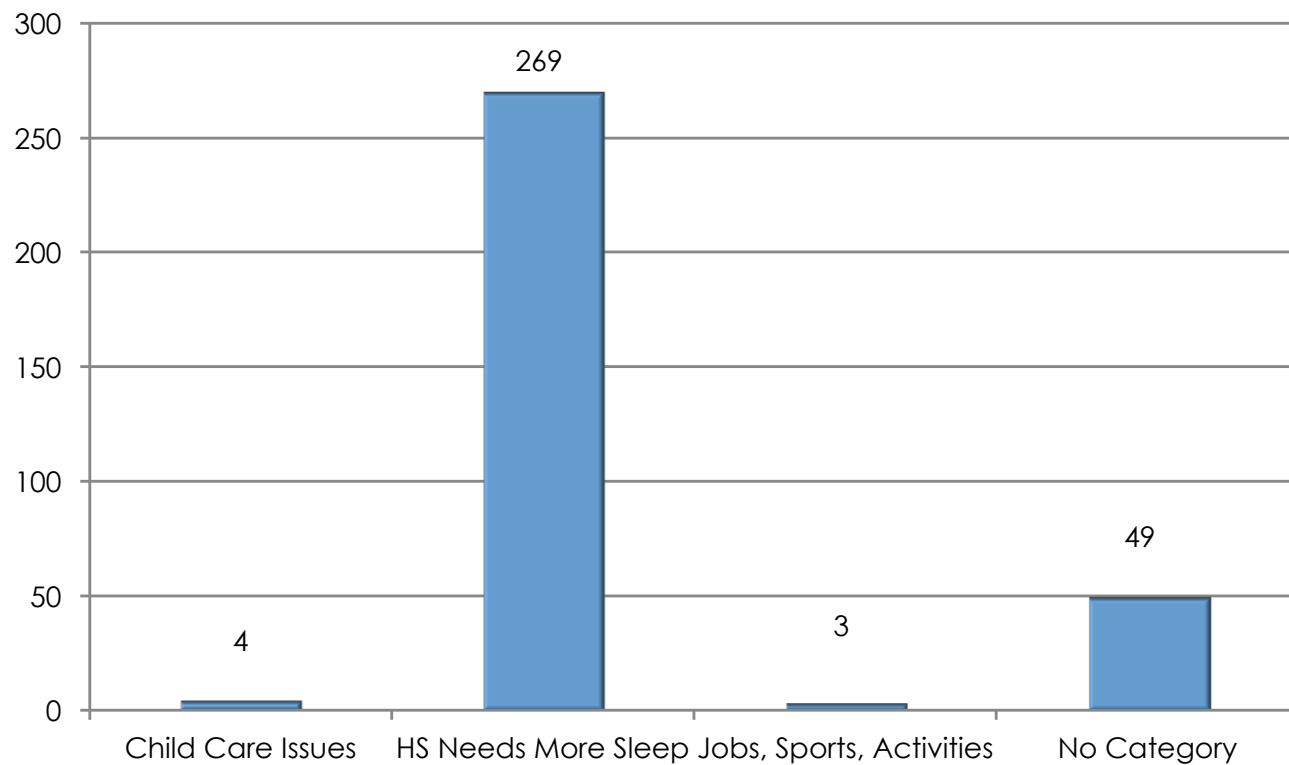
Stakeholder Feedback Faculty/Staff/Administration



Feedback from Stakeholders Preferring Current School Times



Feedback from Stakeholders Preferring New School Times



Challenges and Considerations

- Pick up times for Elementary - (Darkness – Earliest stops could be 6:20 AM or earlier);
- Families' Needs (childcare, activities, younger siblings arriving home without older siblings home);
- Emerging Research - (Regarding Elementary also benefiting from later times);
- Transportation Costs - (Prohibits the Middle School day from being placed in the middle Tier);
- The lengths of our student days vary by level, making the creation of transportation windows between tiers challenging.



Challenges and Considerations

- High School Activities (travel to away athletic and club competitions, availability of buses to transport students to away activities prohibits High School from being in the third tier);
- Late Activity Bus Schedules and Driver Availability – (Creates challenges with High School being in the third tier);
- Constraints of time needed between busing tiers (Minimum of fifty minutes needed between tiers to maintain on time arrival and pick up times) **The lack of time between our current busing tiers is making on time arrival difficult;**
- Very little margin for error with Elementary in the first tier - (Especially in the morning - If HS is late in the AM, students are late for credit bearing classes. - All Drivers (in Option 2) would be needed first thing in the morning – Potentially no drivers available to cover routes if substitutes are needed;



Challenges and Considerations

- After School Child Care – (Unknown if the number of bus riders and parent car drop offs will increase or decrease – Unknown as to how a new school time will influence attendance at AYS;
- Our current times are not consistent with the research that supports later school start times for adolescent students (MS/HS;
- Change is Difficult.



Consultant

- ▣ Working with Tyler Technologies Consultant;
- ▣ Reviewing potential routes and times needed between routes;
- ▣ Reviewing routes while applying our current order;
- ▣ Reviewing routes while applying the potential order.



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Thank you.

