

# 2022-23 Master Bell Schedule Options



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# New Mandate



## Senate Bill 328/ Education Code Section 46148 Pupil Attendance: School Start Time

- Ø High Schools = No earlier than 8:30 am
- Ø Middle Schools = No earlier than 8:00 am
- Ø Elementary Schools = No Parameters legislated

**Implementation Deadline – August 2022**

# PUSD Transportation

## Tiered Bell Schedule 2021-22



Tier I: 7:30-7:45 am	Tier II: 8:00-8:30 am	Tier III: 8:45-9:00 am
Abraxas	Del Norte High	Design 39
Mt. Carmel High	Westview High	Creekside Elementary
Poway High	Bernardo Heights Middle	Chaparral Elementary
Rancho Bernardo High	Mesa Verde Middle	Los Penasquitos Elementary
Black Mountain Middle	Oak Valley Middle	Monterey Ridge Elementary
Meadowbrook Middle	Twin Peaks Middle	Morning Creek Elementary
Adobe Bluffs Elementary	Canyon View Elementary	Painted Rock Elementary
Deer Canyon Elementary	Del Sur Elementary	Park Village Elementary
Highland Ranch Elementary	Garden Road Elementary	Willow Grove Elementary
Tierra Bonita Elementary	Midland Elementary	
	Pomerado Elementary	
	Rolling Hills Elementary	
	Shoal Creek Elementary	
	Stone Ranch Elementary	
	Sundance Elementary	
	Sunset Hills Elementary	
	Turtleback Elementary	
	Valley Elementary	
	Westwood Elementary	

# Review (shared on November 18, 2021)



## Option #1 – “Cost Neutral”

7:30 am – 1:45 pm - Elementary Schools

8:15 am – 3:00 pm - Middle Schools

9:00 am – 4:15 pm - High Schools

## Option #2 – Cost: One-Time \$1,050,000/Ongoing \$704,156

7:45 am – 2:00 pm - Elementary Schools

9:45 am – 4:30 pm - Middle Schools

8:30 am – 3:45 pm - High Schools

# Review (shared on November 18, 2021)



## **Option #3 – Cost: One-Time \$4,410,000/Ongoing \$1,719,156**

7:45 am – 2:00 pm - Elementary Schools

9:15 am – 4:00 pm - Middle Schools

8:30 am – 3:45 pm - High Schools

## **Option #4 – Cost: One-Time \$1,050,000/Ongoing \$559,156**

7:45 am – 2:00 pm - Elementary Schools

8:00 am – 2:45 pm - Middle Schools

8:40 am – 3:45 pm - High Schools

# Considerations



- Ø Poway Unified School District is one of the few school districts in San Diego County that offers non-mandated busing to general education students
- Ø A limited number of elementary schools must be assigned within Tier II and III Start/End Times depending upon their volume of transportation service need
- Ø Any selected model must ensure separation by a minimum of thirty minutes for contiguous school campuses to mitigate traffic
- Ø Any selected model must provide for the high volume of secondary extra curricular and co-curricular activities



# Considerations – Elementary School Late Starts



Ø The following schools would be assigned a later start because of close proximity to other schools to mitigate traffic impacts

Ø Deer Canyon Elementary School      9:00am – 3:15pm

Ø Design 39      9:05am – 3:10pm

Ø Sunset Hills Elementary School      9:00am – 3:15pm

Ø Twin Peaks Middle School      8:15am – 3:00pm

Ø Route Efficiencies

Ø Approximately six(6) elementary schools will have 8:45am to 3:00pm schedules

# Staff Survey Results

## PFT/PSEA/APSM



### Option A (= Option #1)

7:30am - 1:45pm Elementary schools  
8:15am - 3:00pm Middle schools  
9:00am - 4:15pm High Schools

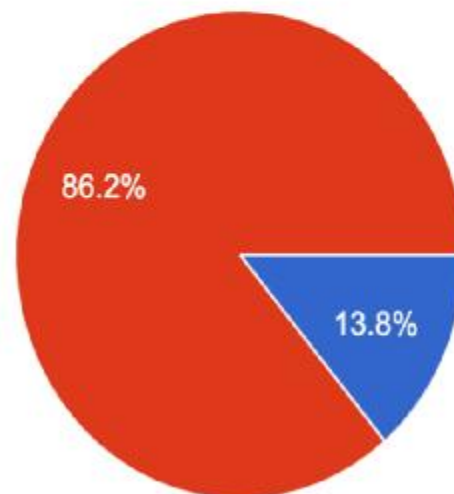
### Option B (= Option #4)

7:45am - 2:00 pm Elementary schools  
8:00am - 2:45pm Middle schools  
8:40am - 3:45pm High schools

3. Which of the following schedules is more appealing to you?

1,549 responses

PFT= 943  
PSEA= 328  
APSM= 149



● Option A  
● Option B



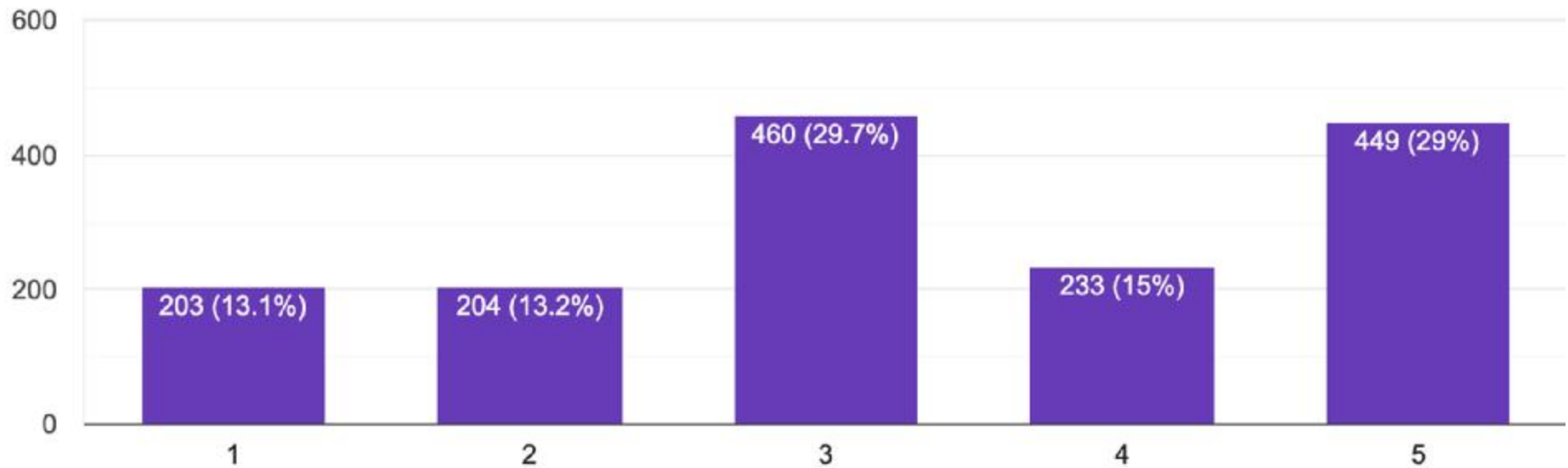
# Staff Survey Results

## PFT/PSEA/APSM (Continued)



4. How do you feel about this change?

1,549 responses



I love this change

This is going to be a challenging change for me.

# PUSD Families Survey Conducted December 2 through 9, 2021



## PARTICIPATION Breakdown of Participation

I have children attending PUSD schools in the following grade levels:



%	Person Icon	Answer
38%	(2628)	Elementary only
6%	(443)	Middle School only
21%	(1446)	High School only
12%	(871)	Both Elementary and Middle School
11%	(787)	Both Middle and High School
6%	(393)	Both Elementary and High School
6%	(386)	All three levels: Elementary, Middle, and High School



7,020  
Participants



8,210  
Thoughts



98,970  
Ratings

# PUSD Families Survey Conducted December 2 through 9, 2021 (Continued)



## Option B was also overwhelmingly favored among families

Here are some of the top themes among the thoughts shared:

- Enough time after school for activities such as sports, jobs, extracurricular activities, and homework
- Concern that elementary students and families are bearing the brunt of the change and that the proposed times are just too drastic a change from some schools' current schedules
- Working parents' schedules and whether ESS availability and hours would be expanded
- Students who ride the bus and get out when it's dark, or walk home when it's dark

Option B is my choice. Option A's 4:15pm end time is too late and students have extracurriculars and club sports starting at 4pm

4.4 ★★★★★ (17)



Option B  
7:30 is too early (will there still be ESS?) as is 1:45. This schedule will be really difficult for working parents.

4.4 ★★★★★ (15)



My first thought is that this is very damaging to elementary school students sleep. Option B is preferred, but both options are horrible. For elementary student sleep schedules and family working schedule. Either option is awful.

4.2 ★★★★★ (17)



Option B is best for high school  
Sunset is 5pm in the winter. If dismissal is at 4:15, kids will be walking home or being dropped off by the bus in the dark which is a safety concern.

4.2 ★★★★★ (16)



# Elementary Schools- Unmodified Schedules Scenario



## ***Current Schedules*** – All Elementary Schools

8:00 am – 2:45 pm - Middle Schools

8:40 am – 3:45 pm - High Schools

### **Pros**

- ∅ Adjusted high school instructional minutes allows for greater efficiency through tier management
- ∅ Maintains current elementary bell schedules
- ∅ Slightly later start time for high schools
- ∅ Mediates impact upon District supported trips

### **Cons**

- ∅ One-time expense: \$1,680,000
- ∅ Ongoing annual expense: \$1,116,000
- ∅ Will need to identify parking for additional buses
- ∅ Slightly compromised delivery tiers
- ∅ **Would *violate* agreements with City of San Diego and City of Poway regarding traffic congestion and student safety**

# Option #1

## Not 'Cost Neutral' After All



7:30 am – 1:45 pm - Elementary Schools

8:15 am – 3:00 pm - Middle Schools

9:00 am – 4:05 pm - High Schools

*slight change in time*

### Pros

- ∅ Minimum of 45-minute split between tiers for transportation

### Cons

- ∅ Late high school bell dismissal
- ∅ Potential exists for several bus routes to be marginally close to 8 hours daily, resulting in an increase of Full Time Equivalent (FTE)
- ∅ Potential for increase in activity trip costs

# Option #4 - Recommended



7:45 am – 2:00 pm - Elementary Schools

8:00 am – 2:45 pm - Middle Schools

8:40 am – 3:45 pm - High Schools

## Pros

- Ø Adjusted high school instructional minutes allows for greater efficiency through tier management
- Ø Earliest possible middle school start
- Ø Slightly later start time for high schools
- Ø Maintains the slightly later start time for elementary schools
- Ø Mediates impact upon District supported trips
- Ø Maintains separation by a minimum of thirty minutes for contiguous school campuses to mitigate traffic

## Cons

- Ø One-time expense: \$1,050,000
- Ø Ongoing annual expense: \$559,156
- Ø Will need to identify parking for additional buses



# Estimated One-Time and Ongoing Fiscal Impacts



## Option #4:

One-time expense: \$1,050,000

5 General Education buses x \$210,000 ea.

Ongoing annual expense: \$559,156

Vehicle Maintenance Costs = \$73,540

5 Drivers = \$288,960

1 Vehicle Maintenance Tech II = \$84,971

1 Operations Supervisor = \$111,685



# Questions?

