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Survey Status: Active Launched: 3/22/2009 4:28 PM Closed: N/A

Email Invites: 0	Visits: 2861	Partial: 0	Screen Outs: 0	Over Quota: 0	Completes: 543 <i>(Does not include blank responses)</i>
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Purpose: This is a short (18 response) survey which is your chance to share your opinion on issues that surround SCHOOL START TIME. This survey is anonymous meaning no one will know WHO responded. Background Information The School Committee is considering a later start time for Sharon High School next year. The current proposal would have school starting at 8:15 a.m. and ending at 2:39 p.m. This will also affect other schools as starting and ending times are adjusted. The Superintendent of Schools will make a presentation on March 25 regarding these and other facts and resources. Following this, the School Committee will hold an OPEN FORUM on School Start Time on April 1, 2009. During this period of time and through April 9, this survey will be available for you to share your opinion and thoughts. Scientific evidence supports the fact that the sleeping patterns of teenagers are biologically pre-determined, and that by starting school closer to 8:30 a.m., teenagers could benefit in a variety of ways. Possible advantages include reduced tardiness and absenteeism, better grades, increased physical well-being, a reduction in depression and fewer car accidents. Other local communities, including Duxbury and Hingham, have already adopted a later start time. Bus transportation and athletic scheduling, are two major obstacles to implementing this kind of change. Athletic Directors for other schools in the Hockomock League have assured us that there are no issues that would prevent contests from starting any later than 3:45 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. and bus issues seem to be resolved. There are, however, many other things that need consideration that affect both students and staff, including before and/or after-school child care, transportation to and/or from school (non-bus related), after-school work schedules, the scheduling of programs, clubs, and other extracurricular activities and participation in outside lessons, classes, or other events. Helpful links: 1) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/01/09/AR2006010901561_pf.html2 http://www.sleepfoundation.org/site/c.huIXKjM0IxF/b.4839365/k.C2FE/School_Start_Times_and_Sleep.htm 3) http://www.sleepfoundation.org/site/c.huIXKjM0IxF/b.2511711/k.9022/Background_Later_School_Start_Times.htm4 <http://www.mcsqh.org/mcs/School%20Start%20Time%20research%20summary.pdf5> <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/12/081215074351.htm6> http://www.duxbury.k12.ma.us/documents/SuptFebNews2_09.pdf


1. I am responding to this survey in my role as:






Parent		543	100%
Employee		0	0%
Both parent and employee		0	0%
Student		0	0%
Community Member		0	0%
Total		543	100%

2. I am associated MOST with the following building:

Cottage		0	0%
East		0	0%
Heights		0	0%
Middle		0	0%
High School		543	100%
Districtwide - no specific building		0	0%
Total		543	100%









- 3.** There is consideration being given to changing the high school start time to 8:10 or 8:15 with an end of day around 2:34-2:39 for the next school year. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with this idea: 

Strongly Oppose		105	19%
Oppose		41	8%
Neutral - doesn't matter to me much		26	5%
Support		88	16%
Strongly Support the change		281	52%
Total		541	100%

- 4.** Do you have any comments about starting the high school around 8:10-8:15 and ending around 2:34-2:39?


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- 5.** With the change in high school start time, MIDDLE School times would start at 7:40-7:45 and end at 2:10-2:15, pretty close to current times. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with this idea: 

Strongly Oppose		36	7%
Oppose		23	4%
Neutral - doesn't matter to me much		211	41%
Support		90	18%
Strongly Support the change		153	30%
Total		513	100%

- 6.** Do you have any comments about the MIDDLE School starting at 7:40-7:45 and ending at 2:10-2:15?


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- 7.** With the change in high school start time, Elementary School start time may be affected as follows: HEIGHTS start time would be 8:35-8:40; end time 2:50-2:55. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with this idea: 

Strongly Oppose		28	6%
Oppose		10	2%
Neutral - doesn't matter to me much		286	59%
Support		49	10%
Strongly Support the change		110	23%
Total		483	100%

- 8.** Do you have any comments about HEIGHTS start time at 8:35-8:40 with end time 2:50-2:55?


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- 9.** With the change in high school start time, Elementary School start time may be affected as follows: EAST and COTTAGE start time would be 9:05-9:10 and ending time at 3:20-3:25. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with this idea: 


Strongly Oppose		41	9%
Oppose		24	5%
Neutral - doesn't matter to me much		279	58%
Support		44	9%
Strongly Support the change		90	19%
Total		478	100%






10. Do you have any comments about COTTAGE or EAST starting at 9:05-9:10 and ending at 3:20-3:25? Please indicate the building in your response.

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11. With the change in high school start time, another possible Elementary School start time may be as follows: EAST start time 8:30; end time 2:45 Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with this idea: 



Strongly Oppose		28	6%
Oppose		11	2%
Neutral - doesn't matter to me much		285	62%
Support		49	11%
Strongly Support the change		90	19%
Total		463	100%




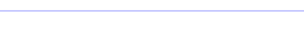



12. With the change in high school start time, another possible Elementary School start time may be as follows: COTTAGE start time 8:30; end time 2:45 Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with this idea: 




Strongly Oppose		27	6%
Oppose		13	3%
Neutral - doesn't matter to me much		284	61%
Support		51	11%
Strongly Support the change		89	19%
Total		464	100%

13. Do you have any comments about the Cottage or East proposed start time at 8:30 with an end time at 2:45? Please indicate the building in your response.

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14. What are the issues that concern you most or might cause a problem if this change were to occur? (Check all that apply)  











High School Extra Help time that could occur after 2:39 with teacher ending their day at 3:05		176	53%
High School Extra Help time that could occur from 7:45-8:05 in the morning with teacher ending their day at 2:45.		99	30%
Hebrew Schools for elementary students may need to adjust times.		33	10%
Sports and athletic games at the high school that start later.		173	52%
Clubs that meet after school at the high school.		139	42%
Morning delivery of children to school by parents.		137	41%
Afternoon pickup of children at school by parents.		52	16%

After School jobs.		92	28%
After School care for my child.		17	5%
Before School care for my child.		17	5%

15. Are there other concerns we have not considered? Please indicate here:


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16. Parent Question: Arranging for transportation for your child may be affected by changed starting and ending time. If any of the following would help in the transition to different start times, please indicate below. 

It doesn't matter because I drive my child to school.		103	21%
It doesn't matter because I carpool with others to get my child to school.		29	6%
It doesn't matter because my child drives himself or herself to school.		73	15%
It doesn't matter because my child walks to school.		37	7%
It DOES matter because with any change, my child's transportation is now a problem for me.		81	16%
It would help if I had the option of paying for the MORNING bus only - at half price.		103	21%
It would help if I had the option of paying for the AFTERNOON bus only - at half price.		111	22%
I can adjust my schedule to any changes in start time.		118	24%
I can adjust my schedule to any changes in ending time.		91	18%
This question is NOT applicable to me.		39	8%

17. Anything else to add about transportation?

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18. Overall thoughts about changing the start time of the high school-- Should the School Committee seriously consider voting the change? 

Yes		352	68%
No		164	32%
Total		516	100%

