



New Lenox School District 122
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Dear New Lenox School District 122 Families,

The Board of Education is conducting a parent survey to seek your input regarding school start times and their associated bus schedule. Your feedback is valuable in helping us to make the best possible decision to support our students, our families, and our schools.

History & Facts:

- Over the past two years the State of Illinois has cut funding to transportation.
- There is talk that our State may make further cuts in transportation funding.
- The change made to this year's start times saved the District \$372,000.
- New Lenox School District currently spends \$2.8 million in transportation.
- The current school schedule requires that the buses begin picking up students at 7:00am. That is only seven minutes earlier than last year's pick up time.

As promised, the School Board spent this past year listening and gathering input from parents and school officials. Our school officials have reported that the schedule has worked well. Some families agree, while others do not. Since we understand that any version of a school schedule can positively or negatively impact the day-to-day lives of families, we want to gather additional input from you.

The Board has reviewed many options. Attached are the options that the School Board is considering. Please note that the associated dollar amount is in **addition** to the \$2.8 million the District currently spends on transportation.

Please log onto Powerschool, at <http://powerschool.nlsd122.org/public/>, and share your opinion by completing this survey. The survey is located in the school bulletin icon at the top of the student page. We sincerely hope that all of our families will take the time to complete this survey. If you have any questions or problems regarding the survey, please contact Jenny Zimmerman, Communications Coordinator at 815-462-7023. If you would like to contact the Board of Education, please do so at boe@nlsd122.org.

Thank You,

Nick Di Sandro, School Board President