

School Start Time Changes Implementation Plan Update



Progress Report to the Board of Education

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Tasks & Milestones Achieved

Milestones since June

1. Preliminary school-by-school bell times
2. RFI for enhanced technology
3. RFP for new bus contracts
4. Transportation Office organization changes

Plan Summary

- 125 tasks, and growing
- 51% completed to-date
- 11% in-progress
- 30% scheduled to start within 90 days
- Critical path continues to be met or exceeded
- *New scenario analysis in progress*

Critical Upcoming Milestones

- 1. New scenario – swapping Tier 1 & Tier 3:**
 - Timeline for completion presented to BOE in August 2022.
 - Results will be available in advance of November 17 BOE meeting.
- 2. Technology changes in Superintendent proposed budget.**
- 3. Organization changes in Superintendent proposed budget.**
- 4. Contractor RFP results in December.**
- 5. Final bell time report in December.**

New: Contingency Planning

The expected continuation of the driver shortage:

- RFP requirements include emphasis on ensuring driver staffing.
- Expected implications include higher contractor rates.
- Higher rates imply higher unit costs (cost per route).
- Start time changes will remove current system time slack.
- Time slack is currently utilized to enable service delivery despite the driver shortage.
- *Modeling looks promising, however start time implementation requires confidence that all routes will be staffed in 2023/24.* ⁴

For Board of Education Consideration

Milestone convergence, and contingency planning considerations imply that:

- The best, most complete information for a final decision to proceed with implementation of start time changes will be available to the BOE in December 2022.
- Bus contract and budgetary approvals will be requested by staff in early 2023.
- A final go/no-go decision to proceed with start time changes will be needed by staff in early 2023.

Questions

