



Lexington Public Schools School Start Times Task Force Update

December 5, 2017

Membership

- Jeff LaBroad, Estabrook Assistant Principal
- Anna Monaco, Clarke Principal
- Scott Kmack, LHS Dean
- Barbara Hamilton, METCO Director
- Naomi Martin, Athletic Director
- Andrew Baker, LEA President
- Elaine Celi, Transportation Coordinator
- Kathleen Lenihan, School Committee Member
- Jessie Steigerwald, School Committee Member
- Sara Cuthbertson, Parent
- Beth Murnaghan, Parent
- Ian Dailey, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration

Meeting Timeline

- Task Force: April 4, 2017
- Task Force: May 5, 2017
- Task Force: June 6, 2017
- PPC Meeting: September 6, 2017
- Task Force: September 13, 2017
- School Committee: September 19, 2017
- Task Force: October 26, 2017
- School Committee: November 7, 2017
- Community Forum: November 15, 2017
- Task Force: November 20, 2017
- Task Force: November 29, 2017

Feedback

- Surveys issued to and received by:
 - Parents
 - Staff
 - Students (Grades 6-12)
- Community Forum
 - Recording posted on Start Times site
- Lexington Listens

Task Force – considerations

- Timing of any change in start times
- Staff involvement in process (research)
- Secondary Schedule Committee – focused on 19-20 recommendations
- Collective Bargaining – CBA expires Aug 31, 2018
- Screen time education
- Athletics
 - Lack of lighting on fields
 - Traffic at dismissal times
- METCO
 - Impacts on breakfast for these students
 - Middle School After School program
 - Possible bus impact
- Elementary after-school care (Extended Day)
 - Lextended Day contract
 - Impact on number of those seeking services
- School Bus Transportation Impacts
- Special Education Transportation Impacts
- Crossing guard schedules – shared jobs
- Custodian schedules
- LABBB schedule at High School
- Community Education/community group access for rentals (rental revenue)

Task Force – next steps

- Engage Judith Owens for presentation with staff – date TBD
- Continued discussions around survey results
- Continued discussions around start time options
 - Consensus vote to at least recommend a change in high school start times consistent with the memo issued from Middlesex League of Superintendents (8-8:30a) at a future date to be determined
 - Given considerations, overall preference of 2019-20 school year implementation
- Continued discussions around operational impacts and financial considerations/estimates
- Evaluate options, present, and recommend alternative to Superintendent
 - Present at future School Committee meeting for consideration

Resources & Additional Information

- District website
 - Administration
 - Superintendent
 - Start Times Task Force: <https://lps.lexingtonma.org/Page/10330>
 - Link to presentation recording by Judith Owens
- Lexington Listens
 - District homepage