

## **Later Start Time in Kittery Schools - Plan and Timeline February 2017**

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The Kittery School Committee is interested in investigating the need/possibility of a later start time for students. In an effort to research and plan appropriately, the School Committee would like to begin the investigation at this time and continue it into the 2017 school year. A decision to implement/not implement a change would be anticipated by December 2017 to allow ample time for planning.

### **Background work already started:**

- Initial parent surveys completed at all three schools (Fall 2016)
- Staff discussion / followed by survey (Oct. 2016)
- Student discussion @ Traip (Nov. 2016)
- Research conducted (ongoing)
  - Reaching out to other school systems
  - Laterstart.org site
  - Local medical staff; other

### **Plans for the future:**

- **Community Forum on Later Start times - Feb. 2017**
  - Share research
  - Brainstorm possibilities / challenges
- **Formation of a Later School Start Time Committee -March 2017**
  - Include staff, parents, students, coaches, admin, other
- **Focused Community forums - Spring 2017**
  - Possible configurations
  - Transportation needs
  - Athletics/ after school events
  - Interface with other programs (SRTC)
- **Calculating Budget needs**
  - Transportation, bus monitors
  - Before/ after school care
  - Other
- **Student facilitated forums (Traip / Shapleigh)- Sept/Oct. 2017**
  - Brainstorm challenges/ solutions
- **Staff and Admin discussions (ongoing)**
  - Brainstorm challenges/ solutions
- **Sharing info via Channel 22, website postings and newspaper articles (ongoing)**
- **Public comment session @ School Committee meeting (Nov. 2017)**
- **School Committee VOTE in Dec. 2017**
  - Needed to budget for 2018-19 school year