

To: Board of Education

From: Anna Stubblefield, Deputy Superintendent

Re: High School Start Time Recommendation

Date: Jan. 14, 2019

Background:

In February 2018, the Lawrence USD 497 Board of Education recommended a year of planning and fully engaging students, parents, and staff through surveys, meetings, and focus groups regarding changing the high school start times from 8:05 to 8:30 am to promote health and academic benefits for students associated with getting additional sleep.

In May 2018, it was determined a High School Advisory would be created, as a temporary committee pursuant to board policy BBC, to further investigate and discuss feedback from a broad cross-section of our school community. The committee's charge is to make a recommendation to our school board by January 2019 regarding implementation for 2019-20 school year. This group met July 2018- January 2019.

The membership consisted of the following-

- Facilitator: Christina Holt
- Board of Education: Rick Ingram and Jill Fincher
- Interim/Deputy Superintendent: Anna Stubblefield (Co-Chair)
- Director, Secondary Support: Rick Henry (Co-Chair)
- High School Building Level administrators: Mark Preut, Myron Graber
- Certified Staff: Charlotte Anderson, Randy Aaron Clark, Gabe Dalton, Matt Ellis, Laurie Folsom, Stephanie Harris and Sam Rabiola, Valerie Schrag
- Community Members: Justin Anderson, Sandy Beverly, Jay Buzhardt, Robert Byers, Monica Dittmer (Boys & Girls Club), Cynthia Eubanks, Julie Henry, Syed Jamal, Peter Karman, Michael Malin, Candice Mickel, Vanessa Sanburn, Allison Smith, Wayne Zachary (First Student)

After review of the research and the information received from the Student, Parents and Staff online survey, Telephone Survey (High school parents only) and Focus Groups (Staff, student, community and parent), the committee made a decision regarding their recommendation.

Recommendation:

We, the High School Start Time Advisory Committee, affirm the benefits of a later start time. Recognizing the community is calling for an array of options to meet their needs, we recommend a committee continues to meet (starting now) to look at broader issues, including, but not limited to, a staggered start time, redesign, a later start time but not a later ending time and an extended school year, seminar, with implementation in August 2020.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the High School Start Advisory Committee's recommendation."