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Dear CBMS School Community:

I am reaching out to you to provide some initial updates regarding the revised school start and dismissal times for the 2022-2023 school year. Beginning next school year, our start time will be 9:15 AM, and our dismissal time will be 3:55 PM. School leadership at CBMS fully understands that these shifts in time will impact our students, our families, and our school community as a whole. With that said, we pledge to ensure that you receive timely information regarding these impacts, and we are looking forward to working with you as well as members of the AACPS School Start Times Committee to make certain our students remain successful.

In an effort to engage parents and community stakeholders in this work moving forward, AACPS is sponsoring a series of virtual "School Start Times Townhall Meetings." These virtual Townhall Meetings will be organized by Board Member Districts, 1-7, and they will be led by the respective members of the AACPS Board of Education. These meetings will take place in the evening and will be held later this month. Official dates, times, and directions for participating will be forthcoming from the AACPS Office of Communications.

As noted, we are fully aware that a shift in school times has residual impacts on school operations as well as community functions. Below are key areas impacted by these shifts along with some initial updates:

Transportation- Efforts will be made to ensure these times coincide with our 60 minute shift in school start and dismissal times. Exact bus pickup and drop off times will be available this summer.

Community and Recreation and Parks School Facility Usage-Dismissal times might impact the time in which community users and recreation and parks can access school buildings and fields. We will be collaborating with our community users in the coming weeks to discuss these shifts. Central office staff will work with recreation and parks to accommodate their continued use of our fields and facilities.

Athletics- There are ongoing discussions relating to the most effective and efficient ways to schedule athletic practices and competitions given the later high school dismissal times. The AACPS School Start Times Committee is reviewing a series of options to ensure our athletics practices and competitions take place during times that are appropriate for our athletes as well as our fans and spectators.

We thank you in advance for your patience, understanding, and support as we move toward this adjustment in start and dismissal times across the school system. We will do all we can to facilitate this change, which will benefit all AACPS students. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dunn

Principal CBMS

