



Mayo Elementary School

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Dear Mayo Elementary 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 8:00am, and our dismissal time will be 2:25pm.** While shifts in time will impact our community as a whole, we are fortunate that our school is impacted only by ten minutes.

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- AACPS Transportation Office will provide exact bus pickup and drop off times this summer.
- Before and After Care Services – We have notified SACC of the shift in times so they can adjust their service times accordingly.
- 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. Central office staff will work with recreation and parks to accommodate their continued use of our fields and facilities.

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 is designed to benefit all AACPS students. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lenora Fox".

Lenora Fox, Principal