

# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #2

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Dear Inter-Lakes School District Families,

The goal of this correspondence is to open communication with you regarding efforts to examine and refine our school start and end times. As a District we are engaging in a study of a universal start/end time for Inter-Lakes Elementary School, Inter-Lakes Middle Tier and Inter-Lakes High School. In this model, Sandwich Central School would have approximately a twenty (20) minute staggered start/end time from the other two buildings.

*Why are we investigating this change?* Key reasons are:

- Research indicates that adolescents benefit from later school start times. This has a positive impact on their physical and mental wellbeing, which better prepares them for learning. Presently, some of our students begin their day on a bus at 6:00 a.m.
- It would allow for the opportunity to more effectively share resources from PK – 12. This would create greater flexibility in providing students what they need instructionally. As we continue to implement competency based learning, having more options for learning is essential.
- The change would allow for improvements to our transportation system. Rather than running two bus routes, one K – 12 bus route would be established and designed to be more efficient and dependable.
- The schedule change would provide for common professional learning time for staff.

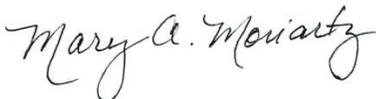
We are at the beginning of this important conversation and throughout March we will be listening to stakeholders about their thoughts on this idea. Attached is an outline of our draft ideas and responses to key questions you may have. Feedback from you will help better inform the decision making and design of this concept. We hope you will share your voice and thoughts with us by attending one of the parent forums listed below.

Start/End Time Forums			
Date	Time	Discussion Forum	Location
Thursday, March 9	7:00 p.m.	Evening Parent Forum	ILHS Library
Friday, March 10	8:00 a.m.	<b>Morning</b> Parent Forum	ILES
Thursday, March 16	7:30 a.m.	<b>Morning</b> Parent Forum	ILHS Library
Thursday, March 16	6:00 p.m.	Evening Parent Forum	SCS
Friday, March 17	8:00 a.m.	<b>Morning</b> Parent Forum	SCS
Monday, March 20	7:00 p.m.	Evening Parent Forum	ILES Library
Wednesday, March 22	7:00 p.m.	Evening Parent Forum	ILHS Library

We recognize and understand that families have numerous commitments and responsibilities and as a result may not be able to attend a forum. Therefore, we have created an online opportunity for feedback. If you would like to electronically share your thoughts and ideas about this concept, please do so by completing the feedback form found at: <https://goo.gl/forms/Lb0wCmVIFlsdZrxJ3>.

On behalf of the Inter-Lakes School District, we wish our families a wonderful February break and hope you will find time to rest, relax, READ and rejuvenate!

Respectfully,



Mary A. Moriarty,  
Superintendent of Schools