

SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title:	Once Per Month Early Release/Late Start		
Date:	April 20, 2013	Item Number:	10f.
Administrator:	Steve Atwater, Ph.D.  Superintendent of Schools		
Attachments:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action Needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	For Discussion
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In April, I introduced the idea of creating more collaboration time for our staff by having an early release or late start of the school day on one day per month for 7 months (September-April). Since then, I have collected input from our stakeholders through a survey and also received feedback from a few of our site councils. What follows are some of the considerations that will help you decide whether to support this recommendation.

Transportation: After speaking with our pupil transportation department, there are some concerns, but none that can't be met. Our transportation contract is by the day and allows us to alter the time and number of routes. Thus, the change on one day/month would not cause an increase in transportation costs.

After School Activities: Debbie spoke with the directors of the Boy's and Girl Club and the After the Bell program. They are both able to accommodate a 1.5 hour early start once per month.

Survey (192 comments received): 85.4% yes; 474 responses, 14.6% no; 81 responses Question on high school schedules having to be adjusted: Kenai, Nikiski, Skyview, Soldotna, Seward- Yes, no big concerns Homer- yes with reservations

Site Council Feedback on Early Release

School	Position	Comments
Nikolaevsk	Support	Want clear goals from superintendent
Soldotna MS	Support	Late start preferred
Soldotna Montessori	Support	Want a v. clear direction for how to use this time, inconvenient but worth it
Soldotna EI	Support	Concern on latchkey kids
SOHI	Support	
Skyview	Support	Prefer early release
Mountain View	Support	Concern on mechanics of how time will work, caring for students (new grant for Boys and Girls Club will help with this)
Tebughna	Support	

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The KPBSD Administration recommends that you approve schools having a late start or early release on one day per month in September, October, November, January, February, March and April. Those schools that observe the Orthodox Christmas will have a day in December but not in January.