

# Why is there a need for change to a three bell schedule?

- As of 4/25/22, there have been AM/PM delays on 60 of the 151 school days (40% of the school year).
- Table below displays bus routes that have been cancelled for the 2021-2022 school year, accompanied by the percentage of students assigned to those buses that were present in school on those dates.

<u>BUS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS THAT WERE PRESENT WITH THEIR BUS BEING CANCELLED</u>
30	10-5-21	JBM	65% ( <i>35% not in attendance</i> )
		SHS	66% ( <i>34% not in attendance</i> )
21	1-24-22	CES	63% ( <i>37% not in attendance</i> )
	1-25-22	SHS	61% ( <i>39% not in attendance</i> )
55	3-3-22	SSE	69% ( <i>31% not in attendance</i> )
	3-4-22	SMS	70% ( <i>30% not in attendance</i> )
38	3-22-22	NSE	96% ( <i>4% not in attendance</i> )
		SHS	72% ( <i>28% not in attendance</i> )
36	3-31-22	JBM	74% ( <i>26% not in attendance</i> )
		SHS	78% ( <i>22% not in attendance</i> )
13	4-4-22	SES	81% ( <i>19% not in attendance</i> )
		SHS	72% ( <i>28% not in attendance</i> )
57	4-25-22	SMS	70% ( <i>30% not in attendance</i> )
45	4-25-22	SMS	78% ( <i>22% not in attendance</i> )
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42	4-28-22	JBM	69% ( <i>31% not in attendance</i> )
	4-29-22	SMS	82% ( <i>18% not in attendance</i> )
55	4-29-22	SMS	63% ( <i>37% not in attendance</i> )
34	5-2-22	CES	65% ( <i>35% not in attendance</i> )
		SHS	61% ( <i>39% not in attendance</i> )

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- Comparing Delaware school districts that will be implementing similar changes to their bell schedules in order to successfully solve their transportation challenges with the resources available at their disposal.

## Appoquinimink School District

For the 2022-2023 school year, school days will look like this:

- 9:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. for pre-K (6 hours)
- 9:10 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. for K-5 (6 hours and 40 minutes)
- 7:30 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. for grades 6-8 (6 hours and 40 minutes)
- 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m. for grades 9-12 (6 hours and 40 minutes)

## Indian River School District

For the 2022-2023 school year, school days will look like this:

<u>School</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	
Sussex Central High School	7:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Indian River High School	7:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Georgetown Middle School	7:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Selbyville Middle School	7:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Millsboro Middle School	7:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Phillip C. Showell Elementary	8:50 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
North Georgetown Elementary	8:15 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
East Millsboro Elementary	8:50 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Georgetown Elementary	8:50 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Lord Baltimore Elementary	8:50 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Long Neck Elementary	8:50 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
John M. Clayton Elementary	8:50 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Southern Del. School of the Arts	8:15 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Howard T. Ennis School	8:00 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	(6 hours and 45 minutes)
Early Learning Center (a.m.)	8:00 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	(3 hours and 20 minutes)
Early Learning Center (p.m.)	12:00 p.m.	3:20 p.m.	(3 hours and 20 minutes)

The new schedule will increase bus capacities for middle and high schools, ease morning and afternoon traffic congestion in the towns of Millsboro and Selbyville, and bring IRSD starting and ending times in line with other Sussex County school districts.

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## CURRENT

<u>Clayton Elementary</u>		<u>Sunnyside Elementary</u>	
8:20 a.m.	Students Enter	8:20 a.m.	Students Enter
3:25 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders	3:15 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders
3:30 p.m.	Buses Dismissed	3:25 p.m.	Buses Dismissed
<u>Smyrna Elementary</u>		<u>North Smyrna Elementary</u>	
8:20 a.m.	Students Enter	8:20 a.m.	Students Enter
		11:00 a.m.	EC Dismissal AM
		1:00 p.m.	EC Arrival PM
3:25 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders	3:20 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders
3:25 p.m.	Buses Dismissed	3:30 p.m.	Buses Dismissed
<u>Clayton Intermediate</u>		<u>John Bassett Moore</u>	
8:20 a.m.	Students Enter	8:20 a.m.	Students Enter
3:27 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders	3:33 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders
3:35 p.m.	Buses Dismissed	3:35 p.m.	Buses Dismissed
<u>Smyrna Middle School</u>		<u>Smyrna High School</u>	
7:20 a.m.	Students Enter	7:20 a.m.	Students Enter
2:28 p.m.	Buses Dismissed	2:28 p.m.	Buses Dismissed

Clayton Elementary – 10 buses  
21, 6, 43, 34, 44, 8, 32, 12, 11, 9

Smyrna Elementary – 8 buses  
27, 7, 22, 13, 33, 14, 49, 54

Sunnyside Elementary – 8 buses  
54, 46, 20, 55, 37, 45, 48, 16

North Smyrna Elementary – 9 buses  
26, 38, 31, 50, 4, 49, 54, 103 (EC), 104 (EC)

Clayton Intermediate – 14 buses  
39, 56, 35, 41, 51, 10, 24, 47, 52, 28  
23, 29, 2, 25

John Bassett Moore – 12 buses  
3, 19, 36, 30, 5, 15, 42, 18, 1, 17, 40, 57

Clayton Side = 32 buses

Smyrna Side = 29 buses

Smyrna Middle School – 24 buses  
55, 20, 50, 44, 26, 7, 45, 48, 37, 5, 39  
9, 12, 22, 28, 42, 49, 54, 6, 47, 25, 41  
33, 57

Smyrna High School – 33 buses  
21, 30, 14, 18, 24, 8, 15, 35, 43, 36, 34, 27  
13, 4, 38, 17, 46, 19, 23, 1, 16, 52, 29, 10  
51, 3, 31, 11, 40, 56, 32, 53, 2

## CONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inability to currently cover routes when drivers are out; currently not available buses/routes amongst all of the active contractors in the state.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancellation in transport to/from school when drivers are out and unable to cover; 12 routes (6 buses) have been cancelled this school year.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion on Duck Creek Parkway (SMS and SHS).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disrupts the educational process.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delays in transport to/from school when drivers are out (<i>loss of instructional time</i>); AM/PM delays on 54 of the 124 school days as of 4/25/22 (44% of the school year).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forecasting that the issue will become worse.</li> </ul>

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## PROPOSAL

<u>Clayton Elementary</u>		<u>Sunnyside Elementary</u>	
8:45 a.m.	Students Enter	8:45 a.m.	Students Enter
8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Student Day Begins/Ends	8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Student Day Begins/Ends
3:40 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders	3:35 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders
3:45 p.m.	Buses Dismissed	3:45 p.m.	Buses Dismissed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 hours – student school day</li> <li>• 8:30 a.m./4:00 p.m. – teacher work day (7.5 hours)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 hours – student school day</li> <li>• 8:30 a.m./4:00 p.m. – teacher work day (7.5 hours)</li> </ul>	
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8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Student Day Begins/Ends	8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Student Day Begins/Ends
		11:25 a.m.	EC Dismissal AM
		1:15 p.m.	EC Arrival PM
3:40 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders	3:30 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders
3:45 p.m.	Buses Dismissed	3:45 p.m.	Buses Dismissed
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<u>Clayton Intermediate</u>		<u>John Bassett Moore</u>	
8:05 a.m.	Students Enter	8:05 a.m.	Students Enter
8:05 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Student Day Begins/Ends	8:05 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Student Day Begins/Ends
3:00 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders	3:00 p.m.	Walkers/Car Riders
3:05 p.m.	Buses Dismissed	3:05 p.m.	Buses Dismissed
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<u>Smyrna Middle School</u>		<u>Smyrna High School</u>	
8:05 a.m.	Students Enter	7:10 a.m.	Students Enter
8:05 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Student Day Begins/Ends	7:10 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Student Day Begins/Ends
3:05 p.m.	Buses Dismissed	2:10 p.m.	Buses Dismissed
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- Run #1 – 33 buses – SHS (24 available busses to fill in)
- Run #2 – 50 buses – SMS/JBM/CIS (7 available busses to fill in)
- Run #3 – 35 buses – CES/SSE/SES/NSE (22 available busses to fill in)

<u>PROS</u>	<u>CONS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexibility – extra busses/routes available with current drivers/buses for the 2021-2022 school year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates new challenges for administration, staff, students, and families in regard to routine.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexibility – field and sports trips.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model allows for future growth.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alleviates congestion on Duck Creek Parkway (SMS and SHS).</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available school programs remain aligned.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the educational process.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys and Girls Club will be offered at a cost.</li> </ul>	