

# Late Start Legislation Update

February 8, 2022

PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING



# Agenda

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- Review background information shared at the May 11, 2021, Board Meeting.
- Review school day start times for the 2022 -2023 school year.

# Background Information



- Requires districts that operate middle and high schools to begin the school day no earlier than 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively.

Effective July 1, 2022, or the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement that is operative on January 1, 2020, whichever is later.

- The school day represents the current school day as defined for apportionment purposes and for instructional minute requirements.

No prohibition to continue “zero” period so long as it is not calculated as part of the school day.

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In many situations this will significantly impact operations of a district that is not already in compliance.

## Transportation department



- Maximizing routes and drivers will be of utmost importance especially if current routes commingle primary and secondary students.
- After school programs such as athletics and clubs must be considered as secondary grades may be in school later in the day.

## Nutrition services department



- Later start times may push back breakfast, which will impact the lunch period. Review of staff schedules will be necessary.
- Remember that breakfast and lunch require a minimum of 10 and 20 minutes, respectively, to eat after the food is served.

# Background Information

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## Planning considerations

- Reversing the order of bussing - elementary earlier, then secondary.  
Will result in elementary aged students being at bus stops earlier.
- Wednesday late start/early release schedules
- All day TK
- Special Education
- High school sports scheduling and transportation

# Rationale for 2022-2023 School Day Start Times – for all levels

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- Revision of school day starting times is a legislation -driven decision.
- A lack of qualified school bus drivers that we are experiencing currently is predicted to not improve prior to our deadline for our final planning for the 2022-2023 school year.
- One hour separation between middle/high and elementary routes is essential for us to continue to have high quality bus services, not doubling runs, and maintaining on-time services to and from schools.
- We will reexamine school day start times during our planning for the 2023-2024 school year.

# School Day Start Times for 2022-2023

## School Start Times for 2022 -2023 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

High School	8:45
Middle School	8:45
Elementary School	7:45
Cielo Vista Charter	8:00

## School Start Times for 2022 -2023 (Wednesday)

High School	<b>Continue with late start</b>
Middle School	<i>Late start/early release Wednesday schedules to be determined.</i>
Elementary School	7:45
Cielo Vista Charter	8:00

# Questions?

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