



# Brookings School District

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## CAMELOT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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### Staggering School Start Time Committee Update

#### Committee Findings

The School Start Time Committee has completed its study on staggered start times for district schools, focusing on three priorities: transportation, safety concerns, and financial implications.

Working with the City of Brookings revealed that staggered start times may not significantly reduce transportation congestion around our highest traffic areas (MMS/Camelot). However, committee members suggested that improved education about drop-off and pick-up procedures could enhance safety for families and students. Nate plans to work with MMS to explore potential drop zone changes that could improve traffic flow.

#### Survey Results

##### Parent Survey (522 responses):

- 84% of parents expressed satisfaction with current school start and end times
- Primary concerns included work schedule conflicts (particularly for parents who must be at work by 8:00 AM), transportation coordination for families with children in multiple schools, and disruptions to established family routines
- Parents noted potential benefits including reduced traffic congestion, easier management of drop-offs for families with children in multiple schools, and improved sleep for adolescents with later start times

##### Staff Survey (163 responses):

- 65% were either highly satisfied or satisfied with the current start and end times.
- 60% of staff expressed being open to the workday beginning between 7:30-7:45 AM.
- Main concerns centered on scheduling challenges for district-wide meetings and cross-building collaboration, childcare logistics (noting daycare facilities typically open at 7:30 AM), and questions about supervision requirements and contract hours
- Staff acknowledged benefits similar to those identified by parents

#### Community Child Care Support

The Boys and Girls Club and GAP were open to changes in their childcare options for families. It was noted that morning care could be added to all elementary and intermediate sites if registration showed a need. If changes were to be made, both entities asked for early communication so that they could adjust their staffing, if necessary.

#### Recommendation

We recommend implementing a slight staggering of start times for K-3 buildings and Camelot Intermediate School. This recommendation addresses the district's playground supervision costs, as staff are not contracted to be at work until 30 minutes after playground supervision begins at 7:30 AM. By shifting supervision to 7:45 AM, we can reduce the need for additional supervisory staffing.

While specific start times have not been finalized, discussions have focused on approximately a 10-minute difference between K-3 buildings and Camelot Intermediate. Start and end times for Mickelson Middle School and Brookings High School would remain unchanged at this time.