

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) to the Superintendent Meeting
April 21, 2016 Central Services Board Room
Key Communications

Each school has two representatives on this committee. Attendees introduced themselves and shared their connections with the school district. Dawn Brand and Grace Munson are co-chairs.

Start/End Times: Since we shared plans to adjust our schools' bell schedules in 2017-18, we have connected with a few parents by phone and had two parents attend a community meeting. We discussed the rationale, concerns and answered questions. Dr. Baker asked what parents had been hearing. *One parent expressed that s not beginning this fall. A parent asked question about the transportation needs; is this change contingent upon a transportation levy passing?* No, we would still be able to move forward with our new start and end times, but we would need to adjust our current level of bus service (field trips, activities, walking radius, etc.). We need more buses to maintain our current level of service and update an aging fleet. The [Transportation Levy Advisory Group](#) started meeting yesterday.

High School Schedule: We've been working a common high school schedule that would give students more elective opportunities. We've decided on an eight-period schedule. Students will register for eight classes, but only four classes meet each day.

U.S. News and World Report recently ranked high schools according to Advanced Placement (AP) course participation. (Options was not ranked): Squalicum is ranked 13th in the state, 1000 in the U.S. and has a 59% AP participation rate; Sehome is ranked 20th in the state, 1307 in the U.S. and has a 44% AP participation rate; and Bellingham is ranked 39th in the state, 1887 in the U.S. and has a 37% AP participation rate.

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