

**GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Greenwich, CT**

**October 12, 2017
School Start/Dismissal Times Update**

TRANSPORTATION, ATHLETICS & DATA COLLECTION UPDATES

The District continues to monitor and study data and information with regard to the impact of changing school start times, while implementing immediate short-term solutions and planning toward sustainable long-term solutions. These Updates will be provided twice monthly for the next several months through at least January.

TRANSPORTATION

Additional Buses Secured. Three additional buses have been secured to address challenges with on time arrival to school in the morning and in the afternoons. The bus routes and times will not change, however, the additional buses should improve AM and PM on-time service for the public and private/independent schools that are experiencing consistent delays. The new buses will be deployed next week, after the bus company has had an opportunity to train new drivers on the routes.

ATHLETICS

Practice Field Options Pursued. In order to provide additional practice fields to address the waning daylight hours this fall, the District is pursuing multiple options, including:

1. The Board of Education took action on October 5 to instruct the administration to request a Municipal Improvement to provide temporary lighting on one Central Middle School field. The process is underway with the cooperation of the Town's Department of Planning and Zoning.
2. Greenwich High School has secured the use of a lighted and artificially-covered field at SUNY Purchase.

Late Contest Arrival. Effective immediately, the early dismissal time for GHS student athletes formally dismissed at 3:00 for away contests will now be dismissed at 2:50 p.m. in order to avoid dismissal time congestion.

Please note: Team-specific changes to practices, early dismissals, and contest times will be communicated by the team's Coach.

DATA COLLECTION

Traffic Studies Initiated. The Town has initiated several traffic studies at critical intersections in order to assess and identify opportunities to alleviate congestion.

Student Survey. GHS will be administering the student sleep survey to all GHS students later this month to serve as a comparison to the baseline survey taken last spring.

FEEDBACK

We are interested in your experiences with the change and encourage you to continue to share your comments and concerns.

- ***For transportation-related issues:*** please submit your comments online at: www.greenwickschools.org/transportation or call 203-625-7443.
- ***For all other comments, including related to after-school commitments*** (extra-curricular, athletics, etc.): please email Elizabeth-ann_carabillo@greenwich.k12.ct.us