

Dear Norwood Families,

As you know Norwood Public Schools has been investigating healthier school start times since 2017. For a review of all the work done so far, the important research compiled on this topic, and the presentation from December 2020, please see the [School Start Times](#) page on the district website.

The Task Force presented to the School Committee on January 13, 2021. At that time, the School Committee requested the Task Force do one more round of surveys with the community to help inform the decisions the School Committee will be making on March 10.

At this time, it remains the Task Force's recommendation to shift the school start times as proposed on January 13 to the School Committee. The Task Force unanimously believes 1) the benefits outweigh the challenges; (2) for most of the challenges, the district has solutions; and (3) this is evidence-based and in the best interest of all our students, grades K-12.

The School Committee still needs to vote on if this schedule change will occur, and if so, if it will happen in fall 2021 or fall 2022. This current survey will help the district and School Committee be informed on how the change in start times will impact families. We are prepared to address challenges around childcare, activities students participate in the community, student employment after school, and school transportation needs. By completing this survey, you will help NPS work with those departments and community partners to find solutions. **We are asking all families whose children will be in K through 12 grade next school year to complete this survey. There are specific surveys for elementary (K-5), middle (6-8), and high school(9-12). If you have children at more than one level, please complete each relevant survey.**

We are using Survey Monkey this time to ensure we reach as many NPS families as possible. **Please complete the survey by Friday, February 26.** Again, we ask you to watch the [presentation](#) explaining the full proposal to be informed before you take the survey.

We thank you for your participation as your feedback on this initiative is important to us.

On behalf of the School Start Time Taskforce,

Dr. Thomson, Superintendent  
Teresa Stewart, Chair, Norwood School Committee

### **Elementary Survey Links**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Elementary\\_NPS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Elementary_NPS)

### **Middle School Survey Links**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MiddleSchool\\_NPSWYBV39X](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MiddleSchool_NPSWYBV39X)

### **High School Survey Links**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HighSchool\\_NPS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HighSchool_NPS)