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I am writing to inform you of a change for the upcoming school year in our daily starting and ending times. We will be moving our starting times up by ten minutes each day, which will also move up our release times by ten minutes. All four schools will begin their school day at 8:00 am. The High school and Junior high will be releasing at 3:02 pm and the Intermediate and Elementary Schools will end their days at 2:55 pm. Parents should expect all morning and afternoon bus routes to be ten minutes earlier than in previous years.

There are several reasons for the change in school start times. They mainly focus on the idea of increasing instructional time. In the past our high school students who attend Hillyard Technical Center and Northland Caps have had to leave their second block class early each day. This will cut down on the time those classes are missed by ten minutes a day. In the high school and junior high, we continually have issues with students having to leave school early for our many school activities and athletic events. This will save ten minutes of instructional time on those days as well. We considered not adjusting the start time of the K-5 buildings but the bus routes would be much more difficult to construct if we did not maintain a similar start time.

Overall, I believe this time adjustment will increase the instructional time available for our students as a whole. We have had an increase in recent years in the number of students who attend Hillyard Technical Center and we recently implemented the Northland Caps Program, which allows our seniors the opportunity to attend internships and work programs in multiple career lines in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. The time change will more fully allow students to participate in those career training programs while limiting the amount of missed instructional time in our classrooms.

Please contact me at 450-3511 or karl.matt@nppanthers.org if you questions.

Sincerely,

Karl G. Matt
Superintendent of Schools