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Dear Inter-Lakes School District Families:

Re: New School Start/End Times and Bus Routes for 2017 - 2018

I hope your family is having a positive summer; one that is filled with many opportunities for rest, relaxation, READING, and rejuvenation! Rest assured that there are several days of summer ahead before the first day of school! However, I wanted to briefly interrupt your summer break to share that the School Board **approved changes to our start/end times and a single tier bus system with K – 12 bus routes for the 2017 – 2018 school year**. This will help us to have a school schedule which better meets the developmental needs of our high school students; one that supports their growth and learning. Research on the benefits of a later school start time for adolescents can be found on our homepage at www.interlakes.org under Universal Start/End Times. Additionally, it will provide opportunities for greater flexibility with our resources and allow us to more effectively provide for students’ instructional needs. As we continue to implement competency-based learning PK - 12, having more options for learning is essential. Furthermore, as a School District we value collaboration amongst our team of educators. The changes to our start and end times, will allow for more opportunities for professional dialogue and learning across grade-levels. The full proposal shared with the School Board is posted on our website. Additionally, a list of *Frequently Asked Questions* regarding this change is enclosed.

School Start/End Times

Please find below our new times including when students can be dropped off in the morning.

School Start/End Times 2017/2018								
School	Morning Drop Off Begins	Schedule	School	Morning Drop Off Begins	School Schedule	School	Morning Drop Off Begins	School Schedule
SCS	7:40 a.m.	7:55 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.	ILES/ ILMT (5,6)	8:00 a.m.	8:15 a.m.* – 3:00 p.m.	ILMT (7,8)/ ILHS	7:30 a.m.**	8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*ILES (K – 6) – 8:15 a.m. arrival/first bell; 8:30 a.m. tardy bell

**Students in grades 7 - 12 will go to the library between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

K – 12 Bus Routes

After an open bid process for school bus transportation, *First Student*, the only contractor to submit a proposal, has been selected as our school bus transportation provider. We are working closely with *First Student* to refine and improve our transportation system. This includes improvements to our bus routes based on the transportation survey information provided by families this past spring. ***If you did not complete a survey and plan to use the school bus, please contact our office at 279 – 7947, so that we can plan accordingly.*** Our new bus routes will be posted on our website at www.interlakes.org on August 15th. However, we recognize that some families may need estimated bus arrival times to plan childcare. Therefore, if you contact our office at 279 – 7947, we can provide an approximate time at this stage. ***Please note:*** adjustments will still be made until the beginning of August and that the information shared will be subject to change. Additionally, once the school year is underway bus routes may need to adapt based on the needs of actual ridership. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to make the necessary changes to improve the bus experience for our students.

Inter-Lakes Campus Traffic Pattern

Additionally, we will be implementing a ***new traffic pattern for the Inter-Lakes campus***. A diagram outlining this new pattern is provided with this correspondence and can also be found at www.interlakes.org. We will be sure to have a number of helping hands available at the start of the school year as our community adapts to this new flow of traffic.

School Calendar

On a similar, but different note, please find enclosed the 2017 – 2018 school calendar. Please note that there have been adjustments to when we will have Teacher Workshop Days, Parent Conferences and Early Releases.

Information Sessions

I appreciate that these changes may prompt additional questions. In an effort to provide answers, I will be available at the dates, times and locations below to meet with families. However, I appreciate how challenging family schedules are especially this time of year, so please do not hesitate to contact me at a time that is more convenient for you.

Date	Location	Time
Wednesday, August 9	Sandwich Central School Library	7:30 a.m. – morning session 6:00 p.m. – evening session
Tuesday, August 15	Inter-Lakes Elementary School Library	7:30 a.m. – morning session 6:00 p.m. – evening session
Monday, August 21	Library Inter-Lakes High School Library	7:30 a.m. – morning session 6:00 p.m. – evening session

As with any change, there is a period of adjustment and refinement that takes place. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work together during this period of transition. I hope you and your family continues to enjoy the summer days ahead!

Respectfully,

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Enclosures