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Arlington Public Schools



Bell Time Study Scope of Work

- Consultant assistance secured
- Begin early January- internal kick-off; prepare data for analysis
- Technical Advisory Team – stakeholder group feedback during project
 - Discuss service rules (e.g., earliest pick-up/drop-off time), bell time constraints, performance measures for analysis
 - Discuss results of analysis for external presentation
- Internal & External engagement – virtual meetings with APS staff groups, advisory committees and school communities



Objectives → Performance Measures

- Improve overall routing efficiency, including limiting ride times on buses and routing students who attend Countywide choice programs.
- Reduce number of bell times and rationalize tiers
- Ensure time between tiers allows for most efficient use of buses per tier each morning and afternoon.
- Balance number of buses/drivers used for each tier.
- Reduce number of buses used in each tier.
- Increase bus availability for after school High School athletic needs, potentially creating another tier
- Ensure High School start/end times align with Virginia High School League (VHSL) division sports schedule needs
- Create minimal disruption to families and staff through the change in start/end times.



Committee Discussion

- Relevance of previous study – do findings/recommendations still stand?
- Objectives & Performance measures
- Service rules & impacts – .e.g., earliest bus pick up times and latest drop off times
- Bell time constraints – eg High School sports schedule alignment with VA High School League (VHSL) schedules

Consolidate feedback