

Schedule Task Force Update

Parents:

Over the last semester we have had much to be grateful for at Chardon High School. As we transition into a new year, I wanted to give you an update regarding our new bell schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. We are very excited for the enhanced opportunities for student achievement.

The CHS administrators, teachers, and counselors collaborated this past semester researching a new bell schedule:

- We surveyed our staff, students, and parents regarding our current bell schedule
- We visited area high schools to observe and discuss the pros and cons of other schedules
- We incorporated our findings into a proposed schedule that meets the needs of Chardon students

At the December 19th school board meeting, Assistant Principal Ryan Bandiera and I presented the proposed schedule to the Board and community. We also would like to share our <u>presentation</u> with parents. Enclosed, please find the <u>proposed bell schedule</u> along with a list of <u>frequently asked questions</u>.

We will be tweaking the new schedule over Winter break, and will present the finished schedule at a Parent Forum to be held in early 2017.

Public education has changed significantly since you and I have been in school. No longer does the "one size fits all" mentality work in our ever-changing times. The <u>new graduation</u> requirements, end of year exams, College Credit Plus, and alternate schools create opportunities for public schools to refine not only their use of time, but innovative ways to reach the learning needs of all students.

Anyone can draw up a bell schedule, but seeing it in action is essential to understanding how schools implement their mission. Our proposed bell schedule has been purposefully designed to maximize opportunities for student achievement at Chardon High School.

Thank you!

Douglas Murray, Principal