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WSESU SCHOOL START TIME 2011-2012

The WSESU has studied the options of changing the start and end times for the schools in our district. The reason for this is that a growing body of research demonstrates that high school students benefit from more sleep. Delaying high school start times, even by 30 minutes, improves academic performance: better grades, better attendance, and a higher graduation rate.

A study committee made up of parents, teachers, and administrators has been considering the implications associated with this change since January 2011. However, this review has been ongoing for over a year. Input from parents and community questionnaires indicate support for this change.

As a result of this study, the district will implement the following changes to the start and end times for our schools:

2011-12 SCHEDULES

BUHS, BAMS & WRCC  
8:45a – 3:20p  
(bus dropoff @ 8:30a)

Brattleboro Town School District  
Oak Grove  
8:15a – 2:45p  
(bus dropoff @ 7:45a)

Green Street  
8:15a – 2:45p  
(bus dropoff @ 7:50a)

Academy  
8:25 – 2:50 / 3:00p  
(dropoff @8:00a)

Putney Central  
8:15a – 2:45p  
(bus dropoff @ 7:55a)

Vernon Elementary  
8:15a – 2:45p  
(bus dropoff @ 7:55a)

Guilford Central  
8:10a – 2:40p  
(bus dropoff @7:55a)

Dummerston School  
8:25a – 2:45p  
(bus dropoff @8:05a)

The high school bus pickup times will change from the earlier times of 6:40-6:50 a.m. to 7:50-8:00 a.m.

The elementary and K-8 school bus pickup times will change from 7:45 a.m. to 7:20-7:35 am.

Thank you,

Ron Stahley, Superintendent  
Windham Southeast Supervisory Union