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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title:	Early/Late Student Release Proposal to change start or stop times for schools on one day/month		
Date:	March 22, 2013	Item Number:	Worksession
Administrator:	Steve Atwater, Ph.D.  Superintendent of Schools		
Attachments:			

Action Needed
 For Discussion
 Information
 Other : _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

One of our ongoing challenges is finding time to adequately review data and then plan improvement efforts. While our negotiated agreement does give teachers a small amount of time to work after school, all teachers and principals would benefit from having more time to collectively work on improvement strategies

This worksession is held so that the Board can consider approving an early release of students on one day per month. The early releases would occur on seven of our nine months of school (September, October, November, January, February, March and April). Schools would meet the minimum day on this one day per month, leaving teachers with about 1.5 hours of additional time to work on improvement strategies.

This proposal would, of course, reduce instruction time by 1.5 hours per month (10.5 hours per year) and also require a coordination of where the students go after school. I would like to begin this in the Fall 2013 and would like to use this worksession to start this conversation on the merits of this proposal.

What follows are some of the considerations that will help you make a decision.

Transportation: After speaking with our pupil transportation department, there are some concerns, but none that can't be met. Our transportation contract is by the day and allows us to alter the time and number of routes. Thus, the change on one day/month would not cause an increase in transportation costs.

After School Activities: Debbie spoke with the directors of the Boy's and Girl's Club and the After the Bell program. They are both able to accommodate a 1.5 hour early start once per month.

Debbie also spoke to some of the schools to see how the extra hours would affect the staff's ability to work. Nikiski North Star Elementary has a very large (as if school never ended) after school program that uses the gym, library, and computer lab. Redoubt Elementary also uses the gym and library. Schools would need to coordinate their after school room use, but it sounds like the after school programs would work.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

N/A