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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, McHenry High Schools will implement "Late Start Tuesdays." Like many schools in the area, East and West Campus will delay the beginning of first hour by 50 minutes on Tuesdays. The purpose of Late Start is to provide teacher teams a common meeting time to focus on instructional practice and curricular initiatives. The overall goal of Late Start is to enhance student learning.

The following are answers to commonly asked questions regarding Late Start:

***What time does my student need to arrive at school on Late Start Tuesdays?***

Students are expected in their first period class at 8:20 at East and 8:30 at West. The school day will end at the usual time of 2:35 at East and 2:45 at West.

***Will the bus still pick up my student on Late Start Tuesdays?***

Yes! Bus pick-up and drop-off times do not change on Late Start Tuesdays. Buses will run at the regular time. If your student can find his or her own transportation, he or she does not have to ride the bus. The only expectation is that your student reports to first period by 8:20 at East and 8:30 at West.

***If teachers are involved in meetings from 7:20-8:10 AM, who will be supervising the students who come to school on the bus or before first period on Late Start Tuesdays?***

Students who arrive by 7:30 AM at East or 7:40 AM at West will have access to the library, cafeteria, Academic Tutoring Center, computer labs and the career center. These areas will be supervised by security guards, instructional aides, certified staff and administration.

Students who arrive after 7:30 AM at East or 7:40 AM at West and before 8:10 AM will have access to the cafeteria only.

Students will have full access to the buildings at 8:10 AM.

***What will teachers do on Late Start Tuesdays from 7:20 – 8:10 AM?***

Teachers will use this time to develop student achievement goals, evaluate and revise curriculum, monitor student progress through data collection and analysis, collaborate about district and school improvement initiatives and best practices aimed at enhancing student learning.

***How does Late Start affect zero-hour AP classes?***

There are three classes district-wide that extend their first hour class time to time before school to accommodate lab activities. On Late Start Tuesdays, the before school session would not meet. These students would meet with their teacher in first hour beginning at 8:20 at East and 8:30 at West.

***How does Late Start affect CALA classes?***

The district's Computer Assisted Learning Academy (CALA) will not experience a schedule change. The morning CALA session will begin at 7:30 with the afternoon session beginning at 11:35.

***How does Late Start affect off-site ISICS?***

Students taking Independent Study in Community Service (ISICS) will follow the Late Start Tuesday class schedule. Students will travel to their respective off-site locations each Tuesday.

***For answers to any additional questions you might have regarding this new initiative, please email Assistant Superintendent [Gina Swinney](#).***