

## *NTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL*

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## Dear Parent / Guardian:

Over the past several months, our school district has been discussing plans for the 2016-17 school year. One of the issues that was discussed was the need for district-wide collaboration for teachers. After reviewing several possibilities, it was determined that the best option was to provide an early release on Wednesdays beginning with the 2016-17 school year. As you are aware, we currently release students early on the first Friday of each month. This provides for limited opportunities for teachers to meet since it is only once per month. By providing a weekly time for teachers to collaborate, additional time can be spent on discussing: student data, assessments, interventions for students, and appropriate instructional strategies.

The plan for next year is to provide weekly opportunities for teacher collaboration by releasing early on Wednesdays of each week. Regular start and end times would remain the same for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. However, on Wednesdays, students would be released 45 minutes early. For Central Middle School students the start time will remain 8:15 a.m. and the end time will be 2:30 p.m. Bus schedules would be adjusted accordingly. All buildings would participate in the early release. The early release on the first Friday of each month would be eliminated.

We realize this may create the need for some additional planning on the part of parents for the Wednesday dismissal similar to our current early Friday dismissal. We wanted to communicate with parents as soon as possible to allow time for this planning.

If you have questions, please contact us at 573-334-6281. Thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rex Crosnoe

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