



CENTRAL 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. After much discussion and input, a plan was developed to address the need to meet several district objectives. Those objectives include:

1. To provide the opportunity for district-wide teacher collaboration;
2. To maintain opportunities for students to take a variety of courses;
3. To provide funds to increase teacher salaries by reducing staffing needs. The reduction of staff would result through attrition and would be possible by changing from two preparation periods to one at the secondary level.

Central Junior High

The Junior High plan was developed based on the above objectives and through input by staff members during faculty collaboration and PLC team meetings. The plan includes the following:

1. A seven period day plus an Advisory period (no advisory on Wednesday);
2. Teachers will teach six out of seven periods;
3. A combination of English Language Arts and Reading into one class (currently these are two separate classes);
4. Writing will be incorporated into other core and elective classes;
5. Retention of two electives as currently available;
6. Class periods will be 45 minutes, except for 1st and 7th, which will be 47 minutes to allow for announcements;
7. **District-wide Collaboration:**
 - a. 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.

- b. The plan for next year is to provide sixty minutes for teacher collaboration by releasing early on Wednesdays of each week. Regular start and end times will remain the same for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. However, on Wednesdays, students will be released 45 minutes early. For students the start time will remain 7:45 a.m. and the end time will be 2:00 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.
- c. We realize that this may create the need for some additional planning on the part of families for the Wednesday dismissal. We wanted to communicate with families as soon as possible to allow time for this planning.

If you have questions, please contact Central Junior High School administration (Mrs. Carla Fee, Principal; Mr. Alan Bruns, Assistant Principal) at 573-334-2923. Thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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