

Response to Questions on the FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor Kauffman

Question: Please provide a status report of any analysis and costs associated with changing the junior/senior high school start hours.

Response: The school system received a consultant report that described the implications of making changes to the current bell schedule so that high schools would start later in the morning. The consultant's cost estimate was that the change to the bell schedule could be "accomplished for an incremental cost increase of between 10 and 13 percent of current transportation costs." The consultant also noted, however, that this was a best case estimate and that actual costs would be substantively higher. School system staff is in the process of conducting an analysis that will enable the School Board to have a more accurate estimate of the total cost. The School Board has held several work sessions on this topic and have more scheduled over the next several months.