



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educating and inspiring students to achieve their personal best

Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Students and Parents,

As you may know, several school districts around our region and the country are moving to later start times for their middle and high schools. Major medical organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics have called for schools to make this shift. Research shows we have a nation of sleep-deprived teenagers because they simply are not biologically programmed to go to bed early enough to get adequate sleep for early school start times.

The West Chester Area School District is also beginning to analyze moving our middle and high school times back. The process is complex and impacts many people and aspects of our school district. We want to ensure that our students, parents, staff, School Board members, and school community members have a lot of information, involvement, and input. We're creating a page on our website to store information related to this initiative, and we'll be emailing updates.

We'll begin our discussion with a **presentation on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. at West Chester East High School** (450 Ellis Lane.) Our goal is to have a final report with recommendations to our School Board by March of 2020.

Your input is very important to us, and we hope you'll be able to join us. At the conclusion of the April 29 presentation, we'll set up an email address where you can submit questions as we move through the process. We'll also share the presentation documents via email.

Thank you,

Dr. Jim Scanlon