

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: April 3, 2008

To: School Principals, Area/Assistant Superintendents, Division and Department Heads

Subject: SCHOOL START AND STOP TIMES ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2008-2009

Department and/or Persons Concerned: School Site Personnel

Due Date: 2008-09 School Year

Reference: Board of Education Budget Resolutions March 11, 2008

Action Requested: Adjust bell times as requested by separate letter to 59 affected school sites.

Brief Explanation:

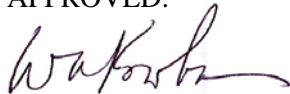
The district is facing an unprecedented budgetary shortfall of \$80 million in the coming fiscal year as a result of state cuts in K-12 education funding. At the March 11, 2008 meeting, the board approved two resolutions which mandate budgetary reductions for the 2008-09 fiscal year. One of the reduction decisions pertains to bell time adjustments that will save an estimated \$2.9 million in Targeted Instruction Improvement Grant (TIIG) funds used for transportation. Efficiencies will be achieved by applying the bell time changes as a complete package to 59 schools. Revisions for individual school sites are not possible without significantly eroding the savings. To reinforce the importance of this initiative, at the March 10, 2008 principals' meeting, Superintendent Grier announced a new district practice. Henceforth, school bell time assignments will be centrally managed to optimize the use of our transportation fleet and minimize our dependence on contracted bus services during these troubling budgetary times.

There are 59 schools that will be affected by the initial adjustment for the school year 2008-09. These schools will be informed directly via hard copy letter as well as electronically. A separate meeting will be held with all affected elementary and high school principals at the Eugene Brucker Education Center auditorium to discuss these changes and how we may assist you. You will be notified of the date and time in the very near future.

Questions may be referred to Alex Robinson at (858) 496-8701 or Martin Stech at (858) 436-8069.

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