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MEMORANDUM FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY, DAEGU

SUBJECT: HS and ES/MS Start and End times for SY 12-13

The opening of Daegu High School and the change from unit to PK-8 for Daegu American School resulted in changes in the start and ending times for both schools. Based on a number of considerations including research on adolescents' sleep patterns, use of shared facilities, travel time for Chinhae students, and shared busing the decision was made for the ES/MS to start at 0730 and end at 1400 and for the HS to start at 0830 and end at 1500.

During SY 11-12 concerns were brought forth on the start time for ES/MS. The administrators from both Daegu High School and Daegu American School PK-8 met with the DoDDS Korea District Transportation Office and reviewed the busing practices. Recognizing the decline in enrollment and other factors it was determined that rather than maintain two bus runs they would be consolidated into one run for all students. With this information both Daegu High School and Daegu American School requested feedback from parents/sponsors regarding the starting times for SY 12-13.

There are 314 families with students enrolled in DAS. 20% responded to the survey. Below is a breakdown of the results:

- **66% selected Option One:** ES/MS starts at 0730 and ends at 1400
- **25% selected Option Two:** ES/MS starts at 0830 and ends at 1500
- **7% selected Option Three:** ES/MS starts at 0900 and ends at 1530

The high school received a total of 73 surveys from staff, parents, and students.

- **19% selected Option One:** HS starts at 0800 and ends at 1430
- **21% selected Option Two:** HS starts at 0830 and ends at 1500
- **52% selected Option Three:** HS starts at 0830 and ends at 1500

Based on the feedback from the community, offering more academic support and opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities at the HS, shared facilities with the garrison and ES/MS, traffic patterns and other considerations the start and end times for the ES/MS and HS for SY 12-13 will be as follows:

- ES/MS starts at 0730 and ends at 1400
- HS starts at 0800 and ends at 1430


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