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### **Responding to Concerns from Students, Families and Educators, CPS Restores Bell Times at 34 Schools**

*40 Schools Keep New Times, 8 Others Agree to an Alternative;  
New Schedule Will Reduce Transportation Costs by \$5 Million*

**CHICAGO** – Responding to feedback from students, families and educators, the Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools are reverting bell times at 34 schools who have expressed concerns about shifting bell times. The adjusted schedules will save the District \$5 million in transportation costs rather than the \$9 originally anticipated.

“After listening to educators, students and families express their concerns about changing bell times, the Board of Education felt it was incredibly important to work with principals to determine the best options for their school communities,” said Board of Education President Frank Clark. “By engaging principals and learning about the many unintended consequences the changing bell times caused, we decided to rescind those changes that had a negative impact on schools. These changes reflect a collaborative approach that both appreciates our fiscal challenges but still puts children first.”

With 40 schools adopting the new times and 8 schools agreeing to another change, CPS still expects to save approximately \$5 million. CPS team members worked with principals from every affected school to work on a schedule that would maximize savings while recognizing the needs of our school communities.

“Every dollar we save by staggering school bell times and streamlining transportation services next school year is one more dollar we don’t have to cut from our classrooms,” CPS CEO Forrest Claypool said. “Despite the need for savings, we are recognizing the calls from students, parents and educators to place a greater emphasis on scheduling after school activities and reducing inconveniences. We appreciate the 82 principals who worked with us to minimize disruptions and protect in-school time, and we are grateful to the 48 among those who helped us find savings that will benefit all schools.”

The plan to shift bus arrival times resulted from an analysis that revealed that CPS’ transportation costs far outpace those at other large, urban districts.

Chicago is one of a handful of major districts in the country that doesn’t stagger its elementary and high school start times; as a result, the average cost for CPS to transport a student is more than triple the median cost for districts with more than 100,000 students, with CPS paying an average of \$4,450 per student and other districts paying \$1,250, according to the most recent data from the Council of Great City Schools. CPS costs are higher resulting from the District running more buses on fewer routes, as a result of bell times that aren’t staggered.

CPS buses make an average of 3.2 runs per day, while similar districts make 5.1 runs.

CPS is facing a \$1.1 billion operating deficit as a result of declining state educational funding and a broken pension system. To avoid classroom cuts, CPS is shifting schools’ bell time in order to reduce transportation costs as part of almost \$200 million in cuts to central office, operations and programming. By modifying transportation services, CPS is helping to keep resources in the area that is the key to all of our improvement efforts – our schools. These current reductions are critical in the face of inevitable additional future budget challenges.

The majority of CPS schools will keep their SY14-15 bell times. A list of schools with new bell times is available below. This list is also available on the District’s web site.

Whitney Young High School and Kelvyn Park High School all have staggered starts. At Whitney Young, high school students start at 8 a.m. while the Academic Center students start at 8:53 a.m. At Kelvyn Park, the high school starts at 8:05 a.m. while the middle school students start at 9:00 a.m.

School Name	14/15 AM Bell	14/15 PM Bell	Proposed Bell 15/16 AM	Proposed Bell 15/16 PM	Final Bell 15/16	Final Bell 15/16
<b>Agreed to Original Change</b>						
AGASSIZ	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
ALCOTT ES	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM
CAMELOT SAFE ACADEMY HS	8:45 AM	3:45 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
CARVER MILITARY	8:00 AM	3:26 PM	7:45 AM	3:41 PM	7:45 AM	3:41 PM
COOPER	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
DECATUR	8:15 AM	3:15 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
EDISON, T	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
GOODE ACAD HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	7:30 AM	2:45 PM	7:30 AM	2:45 PM
HAMLIN	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
HAWTHORNE	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	8:45 AM	3:45 PM	8:45 AM	3:45 PM
HIRSCH HS	8:49 AM	3:57 PM	9:00 AM	4:08 PM	9:00 AM	4:08 PM
HYDE PARK HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
JACKSON, A	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
KELLY HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	7:30 AM	2:45 PM	7:30 AM	2:45 PM
LIBBY	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
LINCOLN PARK HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
LINDBLOM HS	8:00 AM	3:11 PM	9:00 AM	4:11 PM	9:00 AM	4:11 PM
MORGAN PARK HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	7:30 AM	2:45 PM	7:30 AM	2:45 PM
PROSSER HS	8:00 AM	3:16 PM	9:00 AM	4:16 PM	9:00 AM	4:16 PM

RUDOLPH	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
SHERIDAN	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM
SOUTHSIDE HS	8:45 AM	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
STEINMETZ COLLEGE PREP HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
STEM ES	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
WASHINGTON HS	7:45 AM	3:08 PM	9:00 AM	4:23 PM	9:00 AM	4:23 PM
IRVING	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM
KENWOOD HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
MURRAY	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM
AUSTIN BUS & ENTRP HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
AUSTIN POLY HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
DISNEY II MAGNET HS	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
DOUGLASS HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
FARRAGUT HS	8:00 AM	3:08 PM	9:00 AM	4:08 PM	9:00 AM	4:08 PM
FENGER HS	8:05 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:10 PM	9:00 AM	4:10 PM
DISNEY II MAGNET HS	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
DOUGLASS HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
FARRAGUT HS	8:00 AM	3:08 PM	9:00 AM	4:08 PM	9:00 AM	4:08 PM
FENGER HS	8:05 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:10 PM	9:00 AM	4:10 PM
GAGE PARK HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
KELVYN PARK HS*	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
LITTLE BLACK PEARL ACADEMY HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:30 PM
MANLEY HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:23 PM	9:00 AM	4:23 PM
VOISE HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
WELLS HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Agreed to Alternative Bell</b>						
FRAZIER PROSPECTIVE	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
JAMIESON	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	8:45 AM	3:45 PM
BRONZEVILLE HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	7:45 AM	3:15 PM
FRANKLIN	8:15 AM	3:15 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM
NORTH-GRAND HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:45 AM	3:00 PM
ORR HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:45 AM	3:00 PM
YOUNG HS *	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
BACK OF THE YARDS HS	8:00 AM	3:12 PM	7:45 AM	3:32 PM	7:30 AM	3:02 PM

Restored to Old Bell						
BOGAN HS	8:30 AM	3:45 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:30 AM	3:45 PM
CHICAGO VOCATIONAL HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
CLARK HS	8:00 AM	2:58 PM	9:00 AM	3:58 PM	8:00 AM	2:58 PM
HENDRICKS	8:15 AM	3:15 PM	8:45 AM	3:45 PM	8:15 AM	3:15 PM
RABY HS	8:00 AM	3:23 PM	9:00 AM	4:23 PM	8:00 AM	3:23 PM
SIMEON HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
JULIAN HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
LANE HS	8:00 AM	3:23 PM	9:00 AM	4:23 PM	8:00 AM	3:23 PM
SKINNER NORTH	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	8:30 AM	3:30 PM
STONE	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
SULLIVAN HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
TAFT HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:45 AM	3:00 PM
UPLIFT HS	8:30 AM	3:45 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:30 AM	3:45 PM
AMUNDSEN HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:45 AM	3:00 PM
BOWEN HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
BROOKS HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	3:30 PM
CLEMENTE HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
FOREMAN HS	7:45 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:45 AM	3:15 PM
JONES HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	3:30 PM
JUAREZ HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:45 AM	3:00 PM
LAKE VIEW HS	8:15 AM	3:45 PM	9:00 AM	4:12 PM	8:15 AM	3:45 PM
MARSHALL HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	3:30 PM
MATHER HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
MELODY	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	7:45 AM	2:45 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
OGDEN HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
PAYTON HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	3:30 PM
RICHARDS HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:45 AM	3:00 PM
ROBESON HS	8:00 AM	3:15 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	8:00 AM	3:15 PM
SCHURZ HS	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:45 AM	3:00 PM
SIMPSON HS	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
SOLORIO HS	8:00 AM	3:23 PM	9:00 AM	4:23 PM	8:00 AM	3:23 PM
SOUTH SHORE INTL HS	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	3:30 PM
TEAM HS	7:45 AM	3:13 PM	9:00 AM	4:28 PM	7:45 AM	3:13 PM
TILDEN HS	8:00 AM	3:31 PM	9:00 AM	4:31 PM	8:00 AM	3:31 PM

Chicago Public Schools serves 396,000 students in 664 schools. It is the nation's third-largest school district.