

**Transportation Consensus Document**  
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Sedgefield Middle School is embarking on a journey of tremendous change and transition that will take place starting as early as the 18-19 school year in anticipation of the CMS boundary assignment changes that go into effect in the 19-20 school year. We strongly advocate for a shift in bell schedule to an earlier time to align SMS with the other neighborhood feeder schools to Myers Park High School. A bell schedule change is a long-term decision to benefit not just the current school population or families in the transition years but the school for years to come. There is consensus among the current Sedgefield Middle School PTO, the Eastover Elementary transition team, the Dilworth Elementary transition team, the Sedgefield neighborhood representation, and the Myers Park Traditional representation (serving to represent families on a current magnet bell schedule) that an earlier bell schedule (for example, 8:15-3:15) is the best decision for the New Sedgefield Middle School.

There are many reasons we desire this change, but there are two key factors that should be considered in this decision. The first key factor is that an earlier bell schedule will allow Principal Turner to recruit the highest quality educators to SMS to ensure success for all students during this time of tremendous transition for students and families. We support Principal Turner's desire for the earlier bell schedule and advocate for this change on his behalf. Additionally, a shift to an earlier bell schedule differentiates SMS from Piedmont and Randolph IB Schools in bell schedule times offering school choice related to bell schedule for all families. We ask that a decision about bell schedule be made by CMS Transportation by the March 6<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting as it is one of the most important deciding factors for families when making this decision about middle school. We request that CMS show its strong commitment to the New Sedgefield Middle School and the success of this transition by making a bell schedule change .