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Catholic Board Consults on Proposed Bell Time Changes

Public school board consulting on same proposed changes

Waterloo Region, ON – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is consulting families of students to receive feedback on a proposal to change the start and end times of elementary and secondary school days (bell times).

A similar consultation process occurred approximately two years ago. The proposal then was to implement a major change in bell times – where all elementary schools would start earlier in the day and all secondary schools would start later in the day.

The consultation feedback showed the community did not support such a major change to the school day and no changes were made.

After further analysis both the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and the Waterloo Region District School Board have agreed to consult the community on a new proposal involving a 20 minute bell time change. In order for the proposal to be implemented both boards need to agree to the change

Under the proposal, schools will be impacted differently depending on how the network is planned – some not changing at all, and some changing by up to 20 minutes.

Those secondary schools currently using Grand River Transit will move to yellow buses for daily transportation to and from school.

Making the 20 minute bell time change will save Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools approximately \$1 million.

All of the savings will be allocated to meet classroom needs.

To participate in the **elementary school** bell time survey please visit:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WCDSB-elementary-belltimes>

To participate in the **secondary school** bell time survey please visit:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WCDSB-secondary-belltimes>

Feedback is also being accepted via email at: belltimes@wcsb.ca

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 100,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 50 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 40,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a 177-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter: @WCDSBNewsire - #WCDSBAwesome.

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