



**Extended Learning Time
Parent Survey**

January 7, 2015

Hello Mozart Families!

On December 26th, Mayor Walsh, Superintendent McDonough, and BTU President Richard Stutman announced agreement on a proposal to expand the school day by 40 minutes a day at 60 Boston Public Schools over the next 3 years. The Mozart is one of those 60 schools and as a community we need to decide very quickly whether we would like to write a letter of intent to be one of the schools that pursues this change for next year.

We are asking for you to contribute your thoughts on this proposal in one of two ways (or both!).

- Please complete the survey questions below – online at <http://goo.gl/forms/jYZLpSR4BH> (preferred) or by completing the paper survey on the back. We'd like to have your response to the survey by Tuesday, January 13th. We will also e-mail the link through Blackboard and post it on the Mozart website.
- We will also hold an information session/discussion for families on **Wednesday, January 14th from 6:00-7:00pm**. This will include an overview of the proposal, an opportunity for Q&A, and a brainstorming session/discussion about what we want this to look like at the Mozart.

A few things to know:

- The extended time will be used for a mixture of enrichment/specials activities and additional academic time. We have a lot of control at the school level over what the time ultimately looks like for students provided we operate within the parameters for teacher planning time that are embedded in the agreement between the school department and the union. I am committed to making the decisions about how to use this time part of a collaborative process.
- Currently our school day is 9:30-3:30. If the day is extended, the default plan is to add that time to the end of the school day, regardless of the school's current start time. That would make us a 9:30-4:10 school. There is understanding at the district level that this is not ideal and that for late start schools especially it would be preferable to add additional time to the morning. Many people are trying to figure out ways to make that possible from a transportation standpoint, but in case that can't be figured out we should assume that any extended time will be added on to the end of the day.

I look forward to hearing from and to working together to make a plan that makes the most sense for our community.

Thank you,

Erin Borthwick
Principal

Survey

1. When we add 40 minutes to our school day (whether it's next year or sometime in the following two years), what do you hope your child and their classmates will have the opportunity to do during that time?

2. Is there anything you hope we do not use the additional time for?

3. What questions or concerns do you have about the expansion of the school day?

4. Do you think we should pursue becoming an Extended Learning Time School for next school year?

- Yes
- Yes, if _____
- No