

**Some Basics for Considering a Bell Schedule Scenario:
“Flip Committee”
Oct. 1, 2007**

1) A successful “Flip” scenario would generally be consistent with the biology of the students.

2) Must have three *flexible* “tiers” (groupings of schools) for delivery

Too expensive if fewer; too early and/or too late if more. Our tiers now are very loose groupings, except for HS. After the HS runs, the rest of the delivery schedule currently is really on a “rolling bell,” with MS and ES delivered as soon and as efficiently as they can be. Could do that with ES first, as well.

3) Tier needs to be (loosely) at least 45 mins apart*

(i.e., if first tier starts at 7:45 am, second will be approx. 8:30 am, third will be approx. 9:15 am. If first tier 8 am, others 8:45 and 9:30 am)

4) Elementary children delivered to their base school shouldn’t be picked up before about 7 am or dropped off after about 5:15 pm.

This is the “civil twilight” constraint. Not official policy but most involved in issue feel ES should not be walking in the dark. There are exceptions now (such as children picked up/dropped off at their own homes), some ES children now picked up before 7 am. More research being done on actual civil twilight constraints.

5) ES has to go on at least two tiers because of numbers. MS is not full a full tier should be combined with other. HS tier now includes many MS and Spec. Ed runs.

(Balancing tiers helps Transportation operate efficiently.)

6) The longer the window between the earliest and latest start time, the lower the cost of implementation will be.

**According to consultants, Management Partnership Services*

Chart of Potential Scenario Options, in General:

Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4 <i>Status Quo</i>	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7
ES	ES	HS/es	HS/MS	MS/ES	MS/hs	ES/MS/HS
ES/HS	ES/MS	ES	MS/ES	ES	HS/ES	ES/MS/HS
MS/es	HS/es/ms	MS/es	ES	HS/es	ES	ES/MS/HS

Lower case lettering indicates that there would be relatively few of these schools on this tier.

Flip Committee members at Oct. 1, 2007, meeting generally felt that Scenarios 1 and 2 above had the most potential.