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MEMORANDUM

To: Platte County R-3 Board of Education
From: Dr. Drew White – Deputy Superintendent
Subject: Memo / 2025-26 Academic Schedule Changes
Date: May 15, 2025

Background

This memorandum outlines adjustments to the academic schedule for the 2025-26 school year, aimed at optimizing instructional consistency and ensuring compliance with state requirements. These changes are the result of ongoing analysis and feedback from staff and students.

Platte County High School Schedule

Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, Platte County High School will transition from a modified block schedule to a traditional 7-period day. This change is driven by feedback from staff and students, as well as the need for a consistent instructional model during the construction of Phase 2 of Platte County High School. Specifically:

- The current modified block schedule requires teachers to navigate both 45-minute and 90-minute classes. While this format offers flexibility, it also introduces complexity in lesson planning and instruction.
- Transitioning to a traditional 7-period day will provide a consistent, predictable schedule for students and staff, minimizing disruption and maintaining a stable learning environment throughout the week and during construction of Phase 2 of PCHS.
- This schedule will ensure that all teachers have a dedicated planning period each day, supporting effective preparation and collaboration.

During the 2025-26 school year, the District will conduct a comprehensive review of various scheduling options, with staff, student, and community input, to determine the most effective model for long-term implementation. A final recommendation will be presented to the Board during the first semester of the 2026-27 school year.



Elementary School Instructional Time

To ensure compliance with the state's instructional hour requirements, PCR3 elementary schools will extend the instructional day by 5 minutes. The adjusted schedule will be as follows:

- Doors open at 8:30 a.m.
- School session begins at 8:45 a.m. (Currently school session begins at 8:50 a.m.)
- Bus dismissal at 3:50 p.m.

This adjustment guarantees that our elementary schools meet the state's recommended 1,104 instructional hours, ensuring compliance with the 1,044-hour minimum even in the event of significant inclement weather. This change is necessary due to the inclusion of half-day schedules at the end of each quarter in the 2025-26 academic calendar.

Summary

The administration wishes to inform the Board of Education of the following:

1. Platte County High School will transition to a traditional 7-period day for the 2025-26 school year.
2. PCR3 elementary schools will extend the instructional day by 5 minutes, as outlined above.

These adjustments are designed to enhance instructional effectiveness and maintain compliance with state requirements. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Dr. Drew White / Deputy Superintendent

*See below for the proposed PCHS and elementary bell schedule.



Proposed PCHS Bell Schedule 2025-26

7 period day (3 lunch shifts) 8 minutes passing

1st	7:30-8:15
2nd	8:23-9:07
3rd	9:15-10:00
4th	10:08-10:53
Anchor Time	11:01-11:31
5th/Lunch	11:39-12:54
6th	1:02-1:47
7th	1:55-2:40

Lunch	
1st	11:39-12:04
2nd	12:04-12:29
3rd	12:29-12:54

Proposed Elementary Bell Schedule 2025-26

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- Bus dismissal at 3:50 p.m.