

Culver School District #4 Ward Thinking
Beyond 4 Walls
The Future

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DATE: May 24, 2016

TO: All Culver School District Families

FROM: Culver School District Administration

RE: SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The year is not over yet and we are already anticipating great things for the start of school in September! We want to inform you of some changes that are coming this fall.

Nearly 3 years ago, we became a STEM District. STEM education is an Interdisciplinary approach to learning that removes the traditional barriers separating the four disciplines science, technology, engineering, and math and integrates them into real-world, rigorous, and relevant learning experiences for students. We call it TEAMS because we add the arts and we add teaming with community partners.

October 12, 2015 we embarked on another initiative to give our kids an advantage. We became a 1:1 Technology district. This means that for nearly every student, there is one technology device for them. The internet has forever transformed the acquisition of knowledge in our schools.

To implement both of these, teachers had 1 day every 2 months to learn, build, & implement TEAMS and 1:1 with the students. The time was very inadequate. We are joining neighboring school districts in the effort to provide time for teachers to work on these, as well as meet with community partners, and develop incredible learning and projects for our students. We will be changing our school day and week so that teachers will have 90 minutes each week for these purposes.

Our weekly schedule & school hours will be as follows for kindergarten through 12th grades:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00am-2:50pm	8:00am-2:50pm	8:00am-1:10pm	8:00am-2:50pm	8:00am-2:50pm
Regular	Regular	Early Release	Regular	Regular

If you have questions, you may contact your child's building or the district office.

Thank you.

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