

As we work to reopen in September, one item of crucial importance is when students will be in school. Our principals and executive team utilized the survey data to determine the best way we could minimally alter building schedules, provide social distancing on buses, and provide students with in person learning to cover all academic areas. To accomplish this goal, the normally three rounds of bus routes have been turned to four, with start and end times as shown below.

High School	7:00am – 1:00pm
Pinehurst/Blasdell	7:45am – 1:45pm
Big Tree/Cloverbank	8:30am – 2:30pm
Middle School	9:15am - 3:15pm

The first change is the length of the day. The principals have created schedules that work during these times with before and after the student day being available for teachers to connect with students, meet as teams, and provide planning time. The high school moves 15 minutes earlier and stays first in this year's bus rotation so older students are available to assist with childcare and get to jobs they might have.

The second change is splitting the one elementary run into two. By pairing Pinehurst with Blasdell and Big Tree with Cloverbank, the total student enrollment of each pair is nearly the same, close to 1100. This will allow more buses to be available for socially distanced and shorted routes. The Middle School is last as the area that has to be covered is the entire district. This allows any buses that depart late to not affect the elementary runs as we have had in the past.

Once we have the results from the completion of the virtual and bus commitment survey, our principals will work quickly to get students placed in classes and cohorts. We could have done this faster, however we want to make sure to have Frontier reopen in the best way possible.

Yours in Blue,

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