

## District Considers Bell Schedule Changes

Greenville County School District is considering changes to the daily schedule for middle and high schools for the 2010-2011 school year. The district has created a Draft Bell Schedule proposal that they would like feedback from schools and parents on over the next few weeks.

The reasons for the proposed bell schedule changes are:

- Increase bus windows (Time Between Schools)
- Increase on time bus service to middle and high schools
- Buses arriving late in P.M. at middle and high schools
- Increase present bus fleet capacity
- State Department Transportation study recommended bell time change

The potential impact of the proposed bell schedule changes are:

- No change in Elementary bell schedule
- Recommendation will not impact morning pick up time for any student
- Change would decrease the number of late busses at the middle and high school level
- Change would decrease the number of buses late at the end of instructional day at the middle and high school level

The proposed bell schedule for 2010-2011 would change the start of the middle school instructional day to now be 8:30 A.M. Under the proposal, dismissal for middle schools would be at 3:15 P.M.

Because of the unique proximity between Greer Middle and Greer High, some flexibility for that proposed bell schedule may be possible. That flexibility would, more than likely, mean that GMS may dismiss a few minutes later than 3:15 because it only takes a few minutes for the busses to travel from the middle school to the high school. Possible dismissal times for GMS may include 3:15, 3:20, 3:25, or 3:30.

The school district is asking for input regarding this proposed bell schedule. Parents may give their input by emailing their suggestions to:

[belltimes@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:belltimes@greenville.k12.sc.us)

Deadline for suggestions is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

If there are any questions that I can answer for you regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for your support of Greer Middle IB School.

Scott Rhymer, Principal