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Timeline for Feedback on Proposed Start and End Times 2018-2019

February 19, 2018: Colleton County School District is seeking input from students, parents, employees and the community regarding the proposed changes to the start and end times for all schools in 2018-2019.

The district will be gathering input over the next month and encourages students, parents, employees and the community to visit the district website and complete the survey to share their thoughts on the proposed options.

The district must make changes to the start and end times for a number of reasons. Many students are unavoidably late to school, costing them a loss of instructional time. In addition, many students experience early pick up and late drop off, especially for middle and high, and long waits and route times due to the large geographical area of our county. Also, safety issues are created due to early arrivals and late departures at schools. Lastly, our current start and end times do not allow us to utilize our current transportation staff effectively.

A working team was created, as directed by Dr. Franklin Foster, superintendent, consisting of a wide representation of internal and external stakeholders, met several times throughout the year to talk to surrounding districts faced with the same challenges, researched the topic, and ran route simulations for our district to develop the two proposed options.

All interested parties may provide input by completing an online survey from February 19th until March 7th. Additionally, the district will host Town Hall meetings, to discuss this topic and other district priorities, on the following dates, locations and times:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
February 27, 2018	Forest Hills Elementary School	Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
March 8, 2018	Bells Elementary School	Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
March 12, 2018	Cottageville Elementary School	Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
March 19, 2018	Hendersonville Elementary School	Beginning at 6:00 p.m.