

BELL TIMES CHANGING FOR MANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bell times at 18 schools within the Halton District School Board will be al-

Route efficiencies, safety concerns, and the board's efforts to steamline school hours with two, 40minute nutritional breaks (instead of one 50-minute and one 40-minute break) at all elementary schools over the next couple of years, are behind the ad-

As of the start of the 2020/2021 school year, the following are the schools affected and the proposed

Silver Creek Public **School:** 8:40 a.m.-3 p.m.

EW Foster Public School: 8:45 a.m.-3:05 p.m. Denyes Public

WI Dick **Public School:** 8:15 a.m.-2:35 p.m. Ryerson

Public School: 8:40 a.m.-3 p.m.

Public Tecumseh **School:** 8:50 a.m.-3:10 p.m. John T. Tuck Public **School:** 9:20 a.m.-3:40 p.m. Mohawk Gardens

Public School: 8:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m. **Tom Thomson Public**

School: 9:20 a.m.-3:40 p.m. Glenview Public **School:** 9:20 a.m.-3:40 p.m.

Maplehurst Public **School:** 9:15 a.m.-3:35 p.m.

Emily Carr Public School: 8:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m. Munn's Public School:

8:45 a.m.-3:05 p.m. **River Oaks Public School:** 8:45 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

Sheridan Public School: 9:05 a.m.-3:25 p.m. **Posts Corners Public**

School: 9 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Dr. David R. Williams

Public School: 9:25 a.m.-3:45 p.m. The only high school on the list is Craig Kielburger Secondary School which will see a slight adjustment in its bell times: 8 a.m.-2:34 p.m. to address safety concerns with the nearby French Catholic elementary school.

Oakville trustee Kelly Amos voiced concern that no adjustment was made for delayed starting times for high school students, to accommodate teen sleep patterns which conflict with early bell times.

"To do what's best for students and have them all learn the best, we have to try and make some accommodation at some point,' said Amos.

Up to 40 schools could be impacted by one high school bell time change, so it's a more complex process, said Roxana Negoi, Superintendent of Business Services.

With the bell time changes there is an anticipated savings of almost \$500,000.

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