December 19, 2019.

Dear Families,

In planning for the future and meeting the transportation needs of both OLMC and Amherstview Public School, there is a joint discussion with both schools and Tri-Board transportation regarding an adjustment to our school hours in September 2020.

At this time, we are asking our community to consider how this may impact their family should we be required to operationalize this change next Fall. A final decision will be shared in March 2020. We ask that you identify any concerns you may have with the potential change of school hours.

**The proposed school hours will be 9:15 AM start with 3:25 PM dismissal**. This would mean that morning supervision on the yard will not begin until 9:00 AM. No child would be permitted on the school yard prior to 9:00 AM unless enrolled in the Before and After School Care program. You can expect that your bus pick up and drop off times will be adjusted accordingly as routes will be reorganized.

The benefits to our school are many, including, reduced loss of instructional time caused by late buses in the morning. The outside time at lunch would be reduced from 40 minutes to 20 minutes. This is would improve supervision and the challenges students face outside during 40 minutes of unstructured time. At the end of the day, the first wave of buses would be ready and waiting for our students to load. Therefore, reducing the time students are left waiting outside particularly in bad weather at the end of the day.

The before and after school program (LARC) would maintain their current hours for drop off and pick up.

If you would like to share any concerns or questions you may have regarding this possible change, I invite you to email me directly before the end of January 2020.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and partnership.

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