



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Dear Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Community,

As promised, this letter serves as a follow up to the survey regarding the Willow start time that was disseminated on April 18th. Although the link to the survey will still be active until May 4th, we have garnered a robust enough response rate to communicate the results now. There were over 215 respondents, most of whom were affiliated with the Willow Road School (i.e., 92%). The second largest category of respondents (i.e., 20%) identified themselves as being affiliated with North High School and 7% were from the Wheeler Avenue School. Please note that these percentages do not add up to 100, as respondents were able to choose multiple schools.

The Board of Education announced at our meeting on April 25th that the survey results have communicated that **the proposed time change is not the “best fit” solution to alleviate the morning traffic and therefore will not be enacted.** Over 75% of respondents were not in favor of the proposed schedule change. It is important to say that 45% of the respondents still identify morning traffic as a problem at the Willow Road School, and therefore we will continue to learn about this issue.

We appreciate your participation and the information that we gleaned from the open-ended response opportunity. Noted among the extended responses were suggestions such as providing additional busing and crossing guards, stricter parking enforcement, and reviewing enrollment numbers at North High School.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and partnership.

Sincerely,

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