

College & Career Readiness Task Force 5/14/15 meeting

Task force members: Elana Aberge, Myra Arnone, Michelle Bainter, Chris Bede, Colleen Broughton, Jessica Cuillier, Sharon Curry, Brenda Dean, Andrew Dimitriou, Heather Frazier, Monica Garcia, Dawn Goetter, Valerie Horvath, Tim Hudson, Nalini Iyer, Robert Johnson, Joe Joss, Leslie Levad, Matt Livingston, Jennifer Macchiarella, Stacey McCrath, Carol McGuigan, Gary Moed, Emma Morris, Holly Odle, Debbie Ohman, Kelly Pease, Brenda Quayle, Lindsay Roger, Elizabeth Sirjani, Lara Sokoloff, Christina Thomas, Jane Todd, Jamie Walton, Annette Wolf

Research review and analysis

The task force continued to study and analyze research around extending the school day during its May 14 meeting. Small groups captured key ideas from the first article, "Extending the School Day or School Year."*

7-period day survey results

The group reviewed the results of a survey of parents and students that was conducted in December, 2013, concerning the possibility of adding a seventh period to the high school day. The survey was not a random sample. All parents and students in grades 9-11 were invited via email. The survey and the invitation were not translated into other languages. The students surveyed did not have a 24-credit graduation requirement, which will begin with next year's ninth grade students.

The committee noted several results:

- 59% of student respondents show a low to no level of interest in a 7th period
- 71% of student respondents chose to not lengthen the school day, but to shorten periods instead to create a seven period day
- 54% of parent respondents vs. 41% of student respondents are interested in 7th period
- 38% of students overall responded to the survey

Task force members had questions for further clarification or additional information they requested. They include:

- Current demographics of our district
- What is the flexibility of changing the amount of time with a 150 hour seat-time requirement and 6 periods?
- What percent of graduates had 22, 23 and 24 credits for the last three years?
- What are high schools that offer credit retrieval currently doing?
- How do states that have 24 credit requirements do it?

The group also wanted more information on the expanded time schools in Massachusetts, which were referred to in some of the articles the group has been reading.

*Patall, E., Cooper, H., and Allen, A.B. (2010). Extending the School Day or School Year: A Systematic Review of Research (1985-2009). *Review of Educational Research*, Vol. 80, No. 3, pp. 401-436. DOI: 10.3102/0034654310377086.