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Dear Parents,

At Cartersville City Schools we strive to offer our students the best services to support their educational needs while also managing our resources wisely. Occasionally, changes are needed to ensure we are maintaining these goals. During the past two years, we have had a significant increase in the number of bus riders. In order to continue to serve our students' transportation needs without needing to impose a financial impact to the local tax payer, we will stagger the opening and closing times of our schools. Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, Cartersville City Schools will observe the opening and closing times as follows:

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Open to Receive Students</u>
Pre-K	7:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m.
CPS	7:30 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	7:00 a.m.
CES	7:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m.
CMS	8:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	7:55 a.m.
CHS	8:30 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	7:55 a.m.

The State provides only minimal funding for transportation of students living further than one and one-half miles from school. We provide bus services within a much smaller parameter. We will provide transportation for all Pre-K, primary and elementary students living further than one-half mile from the school. Also, bus transportation will be provided for all middle and high school students who live further than one mile from the school or who live on the opposite side of Hwy 41 from the high school. The high school students already follow this procedure. Special needs students who require transportation will not be affected by the changes.

Also, we understand the importance of offering the After School Program; therefore, it will continue to operate from 2:20 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Prior to the recommendation to stagger school times to the Cartersville City School Board, we discussed the proposal with each school governance council who supported the changes. Even though the changes may cause some adjustments for parents and students in particular situations, we believe these new procedures will benefit our students and our community in the long term.

For more detailed information, please visit our website. Look under the "About CCS" tab at cartersvilleschools.org. We have included maps, graphs and other supplemental documents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

J. Howard Hinesley
Superintendent