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Fairfax County School Board Invites Public Comment on School Start and Dismissal Times

Sully District e-Newsletter

The Fairfax County School Board invites parents and interested citizens to comment on changes to school start and dismissal times that are under consideration by attending one of seven upcoming community dialogue meetings in February and by completing an online survey.

A report from the School Board's Transportation Task Force offers recommendations to change school start and dismissal times and to improve the overall effectiveness of Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) transportation system. The changes would affect elementary, middle, and high school students. Because changing school start and dismissal times could affect work schedules, child care arrangements, and after-school activities—including athletics—the School Board wants to hear from the public about the pros and cons of the changes.

Seven community dialogue meetings will be held in February:

Tuesday, February 24, 7 to 9 p.m.

Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale
Longfellow Middle School, 2000 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church

Oak View Elementary School, 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax

Wednesday, February 25, 7 to 9 p.m.

Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon
Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly

Thursday, February 26, 7 to 9 p.m.

Providence Elementary School, 3616 Jermantown Road, Fairfax
Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria

In the event of inclement weather, a makeup dialogue session will be held on Tuesday, March 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road in the Falls Church area of Fairfax County.

Citizens are encouraged to complete an online survey, available beginning Monday, February 9, at www.fcps.edu, to share their opinions about school start and dismissal times.

Additional information about the proposed changes to school start and dismissal times and the Transportation Task Force's recommendations may be viewed at www.fcps.edu.


2009 NVSWCD Seedling Sale: This Sale is for the Birds!

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its annual seedling sale for 2009. All the seedlings in the package are native to Northern Virginia and the varieties were specifically chosen to be bird friendly. Each package is \$17.95 and includes two of each of the following: *Washington Hawthorn, Elderberry, Willow Oak, Silky Dogwood, American Hazelnut, and Persimmon*. These plants are sure to get song birds in your backyard! For more information, please contact Nick Kokales by phone at (703) 324-1420, by e-mail at nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit the District's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/>.

Place **your pre-paid orders (\$17.95) by April 13, 2009**. You will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pick-up site (in Fairfax County, off of Braddock Road, two miles outside the Beltway). Seedlings will be available **for pickup on April 17th or 18th**. For more information including pictures of what your seedlings will look like when mature, or to receive an order form, call NVSWCD at **703-324-1460**, email conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm>.

TTY Change for the Sully District Supervisor's Office

The current TTY number for the Sully District Supervisor's Office, 703-814-7109, will be disconnected in April. The new **TTY** number is **711 (VA Relay)** and this number can be used immediately for those who need assistance in contacting our office.



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