

## BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## A Message Regarding School Start Times

March 7, 2022

Dear Bonita Unified School District Community,

As we approach the final months of this school year and begin preparations for next year, we want to provide an update on the impact that Senate Bill 328 (SB 328) will have on Bonita Unified schools. The bill, introduced by California State Senator Anthony Portantino, was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2019 and states that effective July 1, 2022, all California middle schools can start required classes no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and high schools can start no earlier than 8:30 a.m.

For the 2022-23 school year, which begins on Aug. 22, Bonita Unified schools will have adjusted start and dismissal times in accordance with the law.

All Bonita Unified elementary schools will start at 8:00 a.m., middle schools will continue to start at 9:00 a.m. and our high schools will start at 8:30 a.m.

Bonita Unified is working hard to ensure that these adjustments will have minimal disruptions at our schools. In anticipation of these adjusted school schedules, the District has added three new buses and transportation routes and is continuing to work with our school sites to make this transition as seamless as possible.

More specific information will be forthcoming from your child's school site. We thank you for your continued support of Bonita Unified School District as we prepare every student to live their purpose.