

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



JOHN D. O'BRYANT SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

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HEADMASTER

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Dear O'Bryant Families,

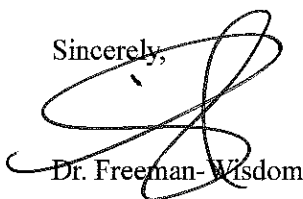
For the 2017-2018 school year, the O'Bryant school community is implementing an early release schedule for students on the days of teacher professional development (PD). On the 12 Wednesdays of PD, school will end at 11:34 a.m. On regular school days, school will now end at 1:49 p.m.

We are committed to effectively utilizing this time to ensure we create the best educational experiences for our students. The proposed schedule was collaboratively developed by the administrative team and the teaching staff. The model was shared with and approved by parents on the School Site Council, which is our school based management and shared decision-making body. Benefits of this model include:

- **Small Learning Communities (SLCs):** Our school community is moving to SLCs and teacher teams. This model will allow teachers to align curriculum, provide targeted interventions for students, and implement multi-tiered systems of support. By developing SLCs with defined, manageable caseloads, we will collaborate more effectively to improve academic, socio-emotional, and civic outcomes for all students.
- **Supervised After-School Support:** All students (7-12) who need after-school support will be assigned to supervised study halls. Supervision includes: Student Affairs Coordinators, the BSA Tiger Zone facilitator and tutors, Guidance Counselors, and the 826 Boston Writers' Room team.
- **Preserved Instructional Time:** The regular school day now ends at 1:49 p.m. Time has been added to each regularly-scheduled school day to ensure there is *no loss of total yearly instructional time* for students as a result of the early-release PD days. Our priority is to preserve instructional time for our students.

The SY 17-18 Professional Development/Early Release dates, as well as both the daily and early-release bell schedule is on the back of this document for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at (617) 635-9932.

Sincerely,



Dr. Freeman-Wisdom

SY 17-18 Professional Development / Early Release Dates

(PD takes place on the designated Wednesdays listed below)

September	9/20, 9/27
October	10/11, 10/25
November	11/15
December	12/13
January	1/17, 1/31
February	2/14
March	3/14
April	4/11
May	No PD/Early-Release
June	6/13

O'Bryant Early Release Bell Schedule

(Only on the designated Wednesdays listed above)

Monday – Friday	Time
Period 1	7:25 – 8:02
Period 2	8:06 – 8:39
Period 3	8:43 – 9:16
Period 4	9:20 – 9:53
Period 5	9:57 – 10:30
Period 6A	10:34 – 11:09
Lunch 1 (Gr 7, 9, 11)	10:30 – 10:55
Period 6B	10:59 – 11:34
Lunch 2 (Gr 8, 10, 12)	11:09 – 11:34

O'Bryant Daily Bell Schedule

Monday – Friday	Time
Period 1	7:25 – 8:24
Period 2	8:28 – 9:24
Period 3	9:28 – 10:24
Period 4A	10:28 – 11:24
Lunch 1 (Gr 7,9,11)	10:26 – 10:51
Period 4B	10:56 – 11:52
Lunch 2 (Gr 8,10,12)	11:24 – 11:49
Period 5	11:53 – 12:49
Period 6	12:53 – 1:49