Purcell Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year! As we finalize our preparations to welcome your children back to the classroom, we want to share some important updates regarding our daily schedules.

The new 40-minute recess mandate, established by **Senate Bill 1481**, is significantly altering Oklahoma school schedules by requiring more time for play and less time officially counted as instruction. While the law increases the minimum daily recess for students in full-day kindergarten through fifth grade from 20 to 40 minutes, a simultaneous change in state policy regarding instructional hours is creating the most substantial scheduling challenges.

Recently, new state-mandated recess legislation was passed to ensure that our younger students receive adequate, unstructured play time during the school day. This change positively impacts all students in Kindergarten through 5th grade, providing them with more time to recharge, socialize, and stay active.

To accommodate this required increase in recess time without losing valuable instructional minutes, we have had to make some **minor adjustments to our start and end times** across the district. Because our transportation and bell schedules are closely linked, these small shifts will apply to the Elementary, Intermediate, and Junior High campuses.

Here is the updated daily schedule for the upcoming school year:

Campus	Drop Off	New Schedule
Elementary School (PreK-2nd)	7:30 AM	**7:45 AM – 3:05 PM**
Intermediate School (3rd-5th)	7:30 AM	**7:50 AM – 3:10 PM**
Junior High School (6th-8th)	7:40 AM	**8:15 AM – 3:15 PM**

Updated Campus Schedules*:* We know that even small changes to your family's morning routine can require an adjustment, and we deeply appreciate your flexibility and support as we implement these new state requirements. Ultimately, we believe this extra recess time will be a tremendous benefit to our students' physical and mental well-being.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding transportation or the new schedule, please do not hesitate to reach out to your campus principal or the district administration office.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We are looking forward to a fantastic, productive, and healthy school year!

Warmly,

Dr. Sheli McAdoo

Superintendent