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Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians of All Woonsocket Education Department Students:

RE: Changes in School Year 2010-2011 School Day Start and Ending Times

We are making an adjustment in the schools start and ending times so as to further facilitate many academic and social activities in the beginning of the day for all students while at the same time affording them the opportunity to continue participation in the Universal Free Breakfast Program.

The new breakfast start time for Bernon, Savoie, Governor Pothier and Citizens' Elementary Schools begins at 8:25 a.m. for the 2010-2011 school year. The new school hours for the aforementioned schools for Grades 1 through 5 are 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The morning kindergarten program hours are 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The afternoon kindergarten program hours are 12:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Children must not arrive at school before 8:25 a.m. and should come directly into the schoolyard. These times must be followed carefully for the safety of your children, as there is no supervision before 8:25 a.m.

The new breakfast start time for Fifth, Coleman, Globe, and Harris Elementary Schools begins at 8:55 a.m. for the 2010-2011 school year. The new school hours for the aforementioned schools for Grades 1 through 5 are 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The morning kindergarten program hours are 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. The afternoon kindergarten program hours are 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Children must not arrive at school before 8:55 a.m. and should come directly into the schoolyard. These times must be followed carefully for the safety of your children, as there is no supervision before 8:55 a.m.

The new breakfast time for the Woonsocket Middle School Students at Hamlet and at VillaNova will begin at 6:55 a.m. for 2010-2011. The new school hours for the Woonsocket Middle School at Hamlet and at VillaNova are 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The new breakfast time for the Woonsocket High School Students will begin at 7:35 a.m. for 2010-2011. The new school hours for the Woonsocket High School and for the Woonsocket Area Career and Technical Center are 8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

The other benefit to this program is that teachers' Common Planning Time will be in the morning thereby giving teachers more of an opportunity to review student work and plan in a collaborative manner for their daily lessons.

Along with this letter, we are also attaching the Readiness for School Policy which outlines the new dress code for 2010-2011. Please review this policy with your child.

On behalf of the Woonsocket Central Office Administration and the Woonsocket School Committee, we wish to extend to our Woonsocket children and their families a most healthy, restful and meaningful summer recess.

Respectfully yours,

Robert J. Gerardi, Jr. Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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