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Dear West Hartford Families,

During the 2016-2017 school year, the West Hartford Board of Education directed the West Hartford Public Schools to convene a committee to investigate the challenges and benefits of adjusting school start times. As the American Medical Association (AMA), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and a large number of professional organizations support later school start times for adolescent children, districts in Connecticut and around the country are examining the issue.

In the fall of 2017, the Rethinking School Start Time (RSST) Committee began a one-year study of the issue. The committee's work includes gathering input from stakeholders. ***We ask all family members to complete the Rethinking School Start Times survey by clicking on the link below.***

[https://hanoverresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_d1koA8iGwltGD8V](https://hanoverresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d1koA8iGwltGD8V)

Please know that the WHPS is continuing to explore this issue and has not made any decisions yet to change the school start times. Because your input is essential to the district, please be as open and honest as possible when taking this survey. All responses to this survey are anonymous and will be kept strictly confidential.

The RSST Committee is hosting a Family Information Night on May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. We encourage all interested citizens in attending to learn more about the committee's work and to voice their comments and questions.

If you are interested in learning more about the committee's work this year please click [here](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne T. McKernan".

Anne T. McKernan

Director of Secondary Education