

ESD PARENTS UNITED

No Kid Should Have to Choose Between Sleep and School.



No Edmonds student should start before 8 AM

Edmonds School District is proposing to start 12 elementary schools at 7:20 AM beginning in 2027-28, the earliest elementary start time in Washington State. We think our kids deserve better than a trade-off between their health and their education, and we're organizing to stop it.

BY THE NUMBERS

83% Of affected schools are Title I	\$8.9M below the state's transportation cost formula	Earliest in WA no elementary school in the state starts this early
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WHY IT MATTERS

- A 7:20 AM start means **kindergartners waking at 6:00 AM or earlier**, before their bodies are biologically ready.
- **Bus stops will sit in complete darkness** for half the school year.
- The burden **falls hardest on the district's Title I schools**, families with the fewest options to absorb the change.
- The process that produced this plan skipped *the one question that actually mattered: should any elementary school start at 7:20 AM at all?*

WHAT WE'RE ASKING

We're asking the Edmonds School Board to reconsider the 7:20 AM elementary start time before it's finalized for 2027-28. Workable alternatives already exist in neighboring districts, and the district's own budget shows this isn't a funding problem.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Sign the petition: <https://www.change.org/p/one-community-one-ask-no-edmonds-student-starts-before-8-am>
- Submit a written comment to the school board
- Attend the next board meeting
- Speak at your city council meeting
- Share this information with another district family

