



Saugus High School

Memorandum

To: Michael Vierra

From: Ashley Gore

Date: May 27, 2022

RE: SITE BASED VOTE

I am submitting this communication in accordance with Article XXXVIII of the Hart District Certificated Contract. On Wednesday, March 9, Thursday, March 10, and Friday, March 11, the certificated staff of Saugus High School participated in a site based vote to determine if the bell schedule for the 2022-2023 school year would change to block or remain as traditional, both with a start time of 8:30 a.m. The proposed block schedule includes rotating Blue/Silver days and Late Start Wednesday. Blue days would include periods 1, 2, 3, and 7 and Silver days would include periods 4, 5, 6, and 7. The proposed site based vote passed with at least a 75% vote. Following are the details for your review:

- Entire Certificated Faculty was given information regarding these proposals through faculty meetings and email communications.

Words on Ballot:

- **YES** - I am in favor of changing the daily bell schedule to a block schedule with a daily start time of 8:30 a.m.
- **NO** - I am not in favor of changing the daily bell schedule to a block schedule with a daily start time of 8:30am.
- It was determined that 113 certificated staff members were permitted to vote in this procedure (5 administrators, 6 counselors, 1 librarian, 1 school social worker, 2 school psychologists, 1 student support program specialist, 1 long term substitute, 1 Speech Language Pathologist, and 95 teachers).
- Proper procedures as outlined by HDTA leadership were followed (rules pertaining to long term subs, part-time employees, etc.)
- It was determined that 85 votes were necessary for the proposal to pass (75% of 115).
- For the new school calendar to change to Block Schedule with Late Start Wednesdays, 85 YES votes were cast and 28 NO votes were cast. There were six non-voters, which counted procedurally as no votes and are included in the no vote tally. The proposal passed with 75.21%

Since this will be the first year of the new school calendar, we understand that according to HDTA protocols, we are obligated to present this proposal again next year in order for it to become a practice for future years.