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**Our mission is to
ensure our students
are self-motivated,
constant learners
with enduring
knowledge, skills
and values for
leading responsible,
productive lives.**

June 2, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: New Daily School Schedule Times for 2010-11

As you know the district has made substantial reductions in instructional programs and services for next year due to the \$700,000 shortfall in state funding. This puts us in a difficult position, thus forcing us to make some hard choices including making changes in our schedules to cut costs and increase potential to raise revenue. Below is the planned school schedule for next year:

	Chautauqua	First Bell	Dismissal
	Current Schedule	8:55 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
	Planned for 2010-11	9:00 a.m.	3:40 p.m.
	McMurray	First Bell	Dismissal
	Current Schedule	7:45 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
	Planned for 2010-11	7:55 a.m.	2:35 p.m.
	Vashon High School	First Bell	Dismissal
	Current Schedule	7:40 a.m.	2:35 p.m.
	Planned for 2010-11	7:50 a.m.	2:45 p.m.

Here are the specific benefits of this planned change:

1. **Cost Savings:** The new schedule will reduce the amount of "layover" time for buses in the morning and increase the amount of turn-around time in the afternoon, saving the district around \$10,000 per year in transportation costs.
2. **Additional Revenue with More Commuters:** These schedule adjustments align closely with the ferry schedule, which has already attracted more elementary-age students wishing to enroll from off-island. Each student enrolled provides an additional \$5200 in revenue. Note that enrolling 12 new students pays for the return of a teacher to our classrooms.
3. **Academic Enrichment:** Chautauqua students will benefit from an additional 60 hours (the equivalent of nine school days) of instructional time over the 180-day school year; their day is currently 20 minutes shorter than McMurray's.

These changes provide substantial benefit with respect to new revenue and program sustainability. We are continuing to work out details of this change. If you have questions or concerns, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Soltman
Superintendent of Schools