

Dear APS Community,

APS is already looking ahead to the 2019-20 school year. Our 2019-20 approved calendar and list of Religious and Ethnic observances are on our [website](#).

One of the important changes that will take place for the 2019-20 school year will be the lengthening of the school day. Elementary schools will release at 3:15 p.m. and the middle schools and high school will release at 2:20 p.m. Our goals are to provide more instructional time for students and align APS's length of school day to many Massachusetts communities.

We are excited about the potential this expanded day offers, and realize that it may require you to change after-school program arrangements. We are already working with our school-based after-school programs and the Town's Community Services Department on this change. Specific bus route changes will be posted in August 2019.

The School Committee is exploring later [school start times](#) at the high school and middle schools levels. These discussions are ongoing, and start times will not change for the 2019-20 school year.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to enhance and enrich the instructional program for students.

Sincerely,
Shelley Berman

- ❖ **Shawsheen Preschool** release times will not change. AM preschool releases at 11:30 a.m., full day preschool releases at 2 p.m. and afternoon preschool releases at 3 p.m.
- ❖ **K-5** half-day release time will be at 12 p.m., beginning in 2019-20 school year.
- ❖ **Middle and High School** half-day release time will be at 11:05 a.m., beginning in 2019-20 school year.