

# Staggered Bells

“What does this mean to me?”



# What is Staggered Bells?

- Different start times at different schools to allow for double bus runs

Tier 1 Schools (Earlier Start) 8:00 a.m.

Tier 2 Schools (Later Start) 9:30 a.m.



# Why Consider Staggered Bells?

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- Ministry E&E recommended model
- Current model is not fully funded

## Better SERVICE

- Shorter ride times for students overall
- Less time spent on the school yard



# Why Staggered Bells?

## Current Model

- High cost model
- All schools begin at “9:00 a.m.”
- Big buses partially filled

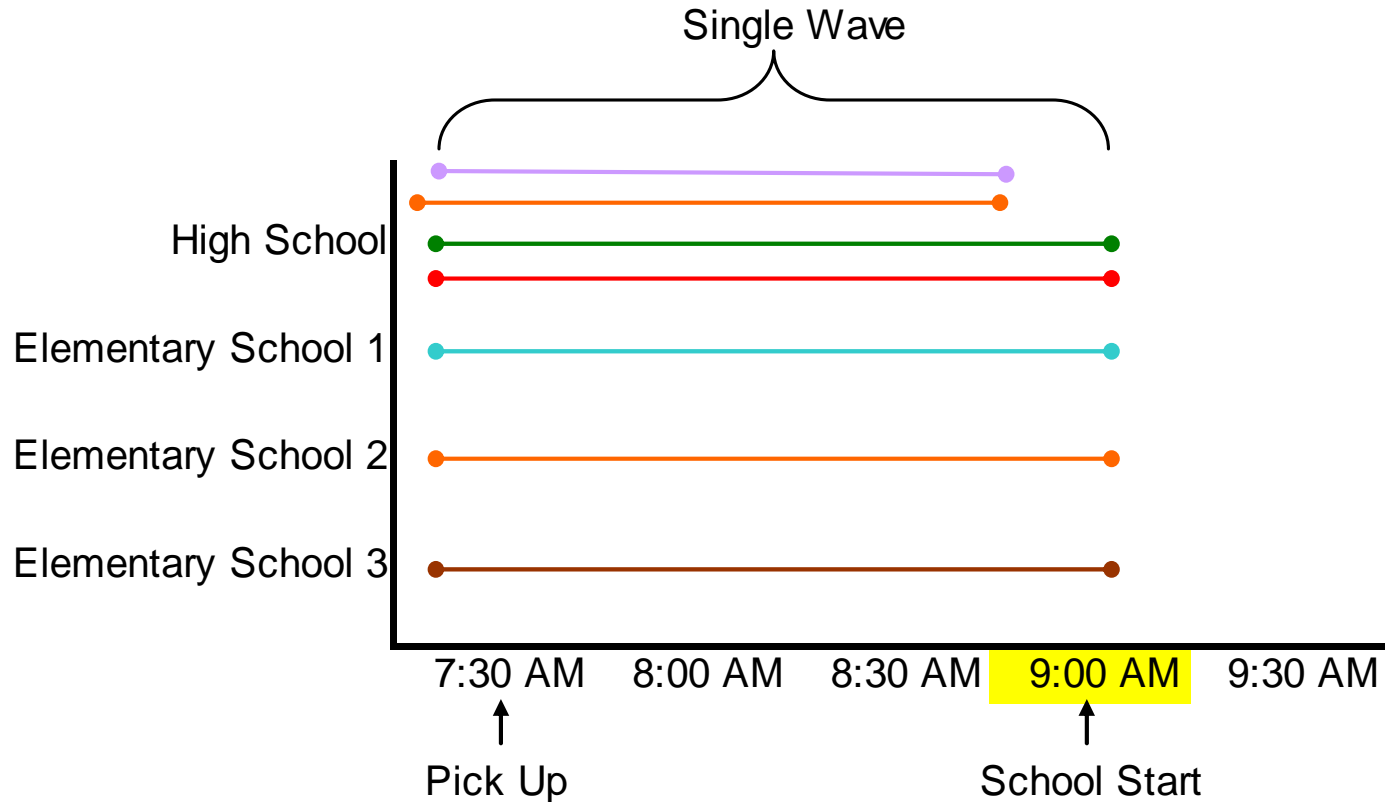
## Proposed Model

- Potential cost savings with fewer buses
- Schools begin between “8:00 a.m.” and “9:30 a.m.”
- Match bus size to number of student riders



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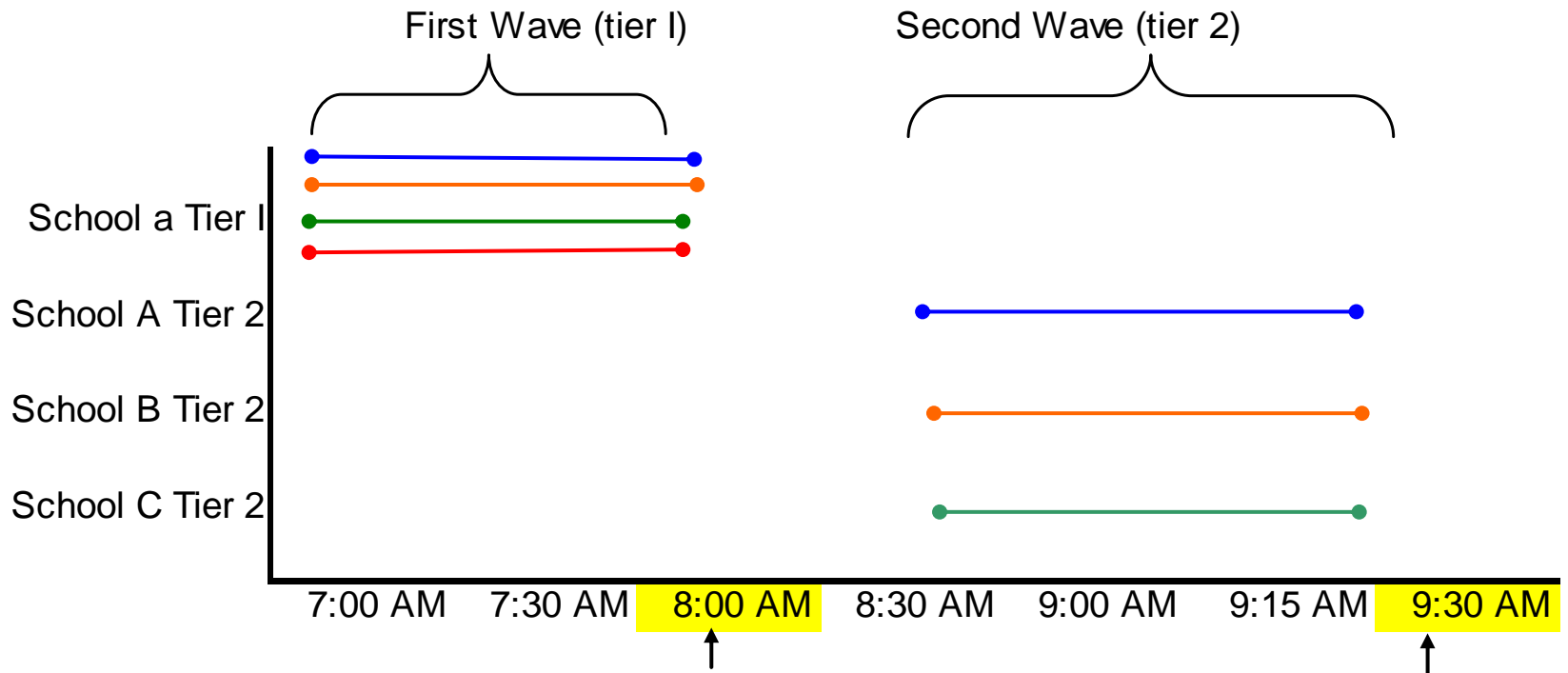
Current Model – Single Bell Time 9:00 a.m.



# What is Staggered Bells?

## Proposed Model – Staggered Bell Start

**Tier 1 - 8:00 a.m. / Tier 2 - 9:30 a.m.**



Tier 2 Start  
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# What Assumptions Does the New Model Use?

1. No change to length of the school day
2. Change to start and end of school day

## **Tier 1 Schools: Earlier Start**

Start between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.; finish between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

## **Tier 2 Schools: Later Start**

Start between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m.; finish between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m.



# What Assumptions Does the New Model Use?

3. No change to walk distances for students
4. No change to current bus stops
5. Change to pick up and drop off times for students



# What Assumptions Does the New Model Use?

6. Shorter bus rides for most students = better ride experience for students
7. Fewer transfers for students = safety  
**Transfers** have been removed, taking into account safety, cost, and time allowances





# Cautions



- Evolving process – a point in time
- Still refining the process/options
- Cost/Savings may change
- Bell times may adjust



# Options

	<b>Tier 1 (earlier start) 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*</b>	<b>Tier 2 (later start) 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*</b>
<b>Option 1 Secondary First</b>	Secondary	Elementary
<b>Option 2 Elementary First</b>	Elementary	Secondary

\*These are approximate times only for modeling purposes and may be adjusted for up to half an hour.



# What is the Impact ...

of implementing Staggered Bells in Renfrew County? Feedback is requested on the following :

1. What is the impact of **Tier 1 (earlier start)** on students and families?
2. What is the impact of **Tier 2 (later start)** on students and families?



# Feedback...

- Provide feedback to your School Principal by Mar 20/09  
and/or
- Provide feedback to RCJTC via email: [trans@rcjtc.on.ca](mailto:trans@rcjtc.on.ca) by Mar 20/09
- Attend Public Information Sessions:
  - Arnprior** – Tues. Mar. 31 – **Arnprior District HS** – 7 p.m.
  - Renfrew** – Wed. Apr. 1 – **St. Joseph's Catholic HS** – 7:30 p.m.
  - Madawaska** – Thurs. Apr. 2 – **Madawaska Valley DHS** – 7 p.m.
  - Pembroke** – Wed. Apr. 15 – **Bishop Smith Catholic HS** – 7 p.m.
  - Deep River/Petawawa** – Thurs. Apr. 16 – **General Panet HS** – 7 p.m.

