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EBR Schools Host Community Meeting on Realignment and Start Times

BATON ROUGE, La. – The East Baton Rouge Parish School System will host a community meeting to discuss the district’s proposed realignment plans and adjustments to school start times for six schools. The meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, at Belaire High, 12121 Tam Drive.

District leaders will provide information and gather feedback from families, educators and community members regarding realignment and proposed start-time adjustments, particularly impacting Belaire High, Greenbrier Elementary, La Belle Aire Elementary, Park Forest Middle, Park Forest Elementary and Villa del Rey Elementary. The proposed realignment plan, which includes reconfiguring grade bands at four of the schools, will go before the School Board in April.

A first realignment plan went into effect at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year, affecting 28 schools. The changes included: closure of nine schools, relocation of four schools, new grade configurations at seven schools, and attendance zone changes for 12 schools.

In addition, six schools – Capitol High School, Capitol Elementary School, Glen Oaks High School, Glen Oaks Park Elementary School, Melrose Elementary School, and Merrydale Elementary School – implemented new start times this school year. The high schools and middle schools moved from 7:10 a.m.–2:25 p.m. to 8:50 a.m.–4:05 p.m. Elementary schools shifted from 8:25 a.m.–3:25 p.m. to 8 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

EBR Schools is committed to providing every student with modern, well-equipped learning environments that foster academic success and personal growth. By realigning facilities, the district is concentrating resources, improving school environments, and enhancing educational opportunities for all students.

Louisiana has among the earliest school start times in the nation, with secondary schools in EBR starting earlier than the state average.

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