

Superintendent's Report

Syosset Central School District
April 11, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

High School Start Time Study

- Why reconsider start times?
 - The American Academy of Pediatrics ([AAP](#)) and the Center for Disease Control ([CDC](#)) recommend a later high school start time;
 - [Research](#) indicates a lack of sleep among high school students is associated with several health risks and lower academic performance.
 - In light of pandemic-related stresses on students, revisiting this issue is timely.

Overview of Process to Date

[School Start Time Webpage](#)

- October 2016 – Board of Education [initiates exploration](#)
- March 2017 – Community Forum held
- April 2018 – Start time [planning process](#) outlined
- October 2018 – Start time [update](#) shared with public
- December 2018 – Busing consultant delivers [first draft](#)
- March 2019 – Busing consultant delivers [final draft](#)
- Fall 2019 – [Public survey](#) on options via ThoughtExchange
- February 2020 – Survey [results](#) released.
- March 2020 – Pandemic begins, initiative placed on “hold”

High-Level Overview

- Implications for student after-school activities (athletics, clubs, babysitting, employment, music lessons, internships, etc.);
- Busing logistics make it impossible to change SHS start time in isolation;
 - Could affect either elementary school or middle school or both;
 - Independent runs for SHS not cost-effective (estimated cost: \$4 million), current driver shortage makes impossible anyway.
- Nassau County HS start times range from 7:25 am to 9:00 am.

Current Status

- To restart the process – to do list:
 - Need to update the busing study;
 - Need to do a new survey of parents and staff;
 - Need to explore some new ideas developed in the last year;
- Timeline
 - Initiate public engagement prior to the end of the school year.
 - Take feedback and survey data in Fall 2022;
 - Develop options for consideration in Winter 2023;
 - Decision point in early Spring 2023 if any changes are to be implemented in Fall 2023.

State Budget Highlights

- Adopted Saturday (about a week overdue)
- Significant increase in Foundation Aid (\$4.465 million) offsets inflationary increases in:
 - Health insurance costs (\$3.135 million)
 - TRS Retirement contributions (\$0.85 million)
- Additional new allocation of \$421,000 for Universal Pre-K
 - Waiting to see how many new “seats” have been allocated.
- All buses purchased after 2027 must be zero-emission
 - Whole fleet must be converted by 2035.

Other Items of Note

- Schools will be closed on May 26th and 27th.
- Seeking update to enrollment projection study conducted in 2020.
- SHS will have an in-person, indoor graduation ceremony at Hofstra on June 22, 2022.
- Moving up ceremonies for other schools have been scheduled.
- COVID case counts in Nassau have risen from 7.0 to 25.1 daily cases per 100K people in the last 6 weeks.
 - Is beginning to impact District staffing again.

Solar Panel Installation

- Part of Energy Performance Contract
- Includes real-time dashboard to evaluate energy savings.
- Baylis and Robbins Lane done
- HBT and SHS upcoming



PORTAL
by ennexOS

Syosset SD Robbins Lane Elementary School Select Device

Dashboard Robbins Lane Elementary School

INFORMATION

151.2 kWp
Nominal PV power

11/17/2021
Date of commissioning

On-Grid
Operating mode

STATUS

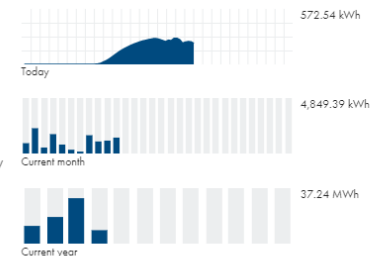
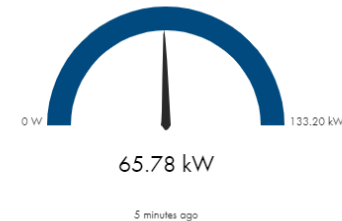
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- ✓ SA 3 SN: 3010255867
- ✓ Robbins Lane Elementary School..

CO₂ AVOIDANCE

820.1 lb
today

33.9 In. sh.
Total

ENERGY AND POWER - PV



WEATHER

In Jericho

52 °F
currently

59 °F | 48 °F
tomorrow

Cloudy
Heavy cloud
overcast

SOLAR IRRADIATION

9 minutes ago

103 W/sq
Insolation

WIND SPEED

9 minutes ago

0.51 m/s
Wind speed

MODULE TEMPERATURE

9 minutes ago

72.1 °F
Module temperature

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

9 minutes ago

70.3 °F
Ambient temperature