



Increasing Opportunity

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Dear Lodi High School Community,

At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, the Lodi High School Block Schedule Committee, composed of 30 plus teachers at Lodi High School formed to work on a new bell schedule that would create more opportunities for our students. Currently, the school follows a [6-period day schedule](#) that has been in place for a century. The committee researched and visited other schools, and discussed and deliberated over the new schedule while keeping in mind the state and district policy parameters. The committee ultimately agreed on a 7-period A/B block schedule that would be implemented in the 2024-2025 school year.

The committee recognized that the [Proposed New Schedule](#) was necessary as it would provide more opportunities for students to take additional courses and access academic core classes, including English Language Learners, Foster Youth, and Special Education students. On February 21st, the committee presented the schedule and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to all teachers at a staff meeting. The election began that day and ended this Monday, February 26. For the schedule to move forward, 80% of the 92 teachers needed to vote Yes, with the final Yes vote amounting to only 66%. As a result, the schedule will not move forward at present, and if approved, it would have moved forward and been presented to the Lodi Education Association (LEA) Executive Board. If the LEA Executive Board approved it, it would have moved on to the district administration and school board.

The committee and school site administration are convinced that this schedule reform is vital and would have provided greater flexibility and opportunities for both students and staff to improve their readiness for college and career. The committee plans to meet again to organize another revote for the next year. The present [6-period day schedule](#) will continue for next year with some minor changes, as the SSR period will be rebranded with the Ignite Period and rescheduled to a different period. More information will be provided at a later date.

Go Flames!

Dr. Jesus Marron
Principal

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