

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. --

Resolution No. 12-22

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, and Mr. Pruski

By the County Council, June 1, 2022

1 RESOLUTION urging the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County to delay
2 implementation of new school start times for Anne Arundel County Public Schools

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4 WHEREAS, in October 2021, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County
5 approved a shift in the start and dismissal times for Anne Arundel County Public
6 Schools (“AACPS”); and

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8 WHEREAS, beginning in the Fall of 2022, AACPS will move to a bell schedule
9 where elementary schools will begin between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., middle schools
10 will begin between 8:30 and 9:15 a.m., and high schools will begin at 8:30 a.m.;
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13 WHEREAS, as a result of employment interruptions that have followed the
14 COVID-19 pandemic labor shortages are an issue across industries in and around
15 Anne Arundel County and the State; and

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17 WHEREAS, bus driver shortages in the County have significantly impacted
18 transportation during the 2021-2022 school year and this shortage has not yet been
19 alleviated; and

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21 WHEREAS, County bus contractors have voiced concerns regarding staffing,
22 implementation, and the detrimental impact that may occur if the new start times
23 begin this Fall and have asked for more time to recover from COVID related staff
24 shortages and implement the school hours shift; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Anne Arundel County Police Department has shared concerns that
27 the current school crossing guard shortage in the County will be exacerbated by the
28 shift in school hours in the Fall because the new schedule will require a higher
29 number of crossing guards to be on duty at the same time to cover student crossings
30 that were once covered by a single crossing guard working on a staggered schedule;
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33 WHEREAS, the County’s Recreation and Parks Department has forecasted an
34 increased demand for before and after school child care as a result of the shift in
35 school hours that will become complicated by staffing shortages created by an
36 inability to hire high school students who have historically worked in the County’s
37 after school programs; and

1 WHEREAS, parents, school bus drivers, school bus contractors, teachers, and other
2 stakeholders remain extremely concerned about the logistics of the shift in school
3 hours, the short window of time for implementation, and the overall potential for
4 negative impacts on childcare and quality of life for AACPS families if more time
5 is not given to adjust to the shift in school hours; now, therefore, be it
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7 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
8 urges the Board of Education for Anne Arundel County to delay implementation of the
9 new school start times for Anne Arundel County Public Schools until at least the 2023-
10 2024 school year to allow for the needed adjustments and to protect the wellbeing and
11 safety of AACPS families and students; and be it further
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13 *Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be sent to Joanna Bache Tobin, President,
14 Board of Education of Anne Arundel County; Robert A. Silkworth, Vice President, Board
15 of Education of Anne Arundel County; and Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent of Schools.

READ AND PASSED this 1st day of June, 2022.

By Order:



Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 12-22 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Lisa D. B. Rodvien
Chair