

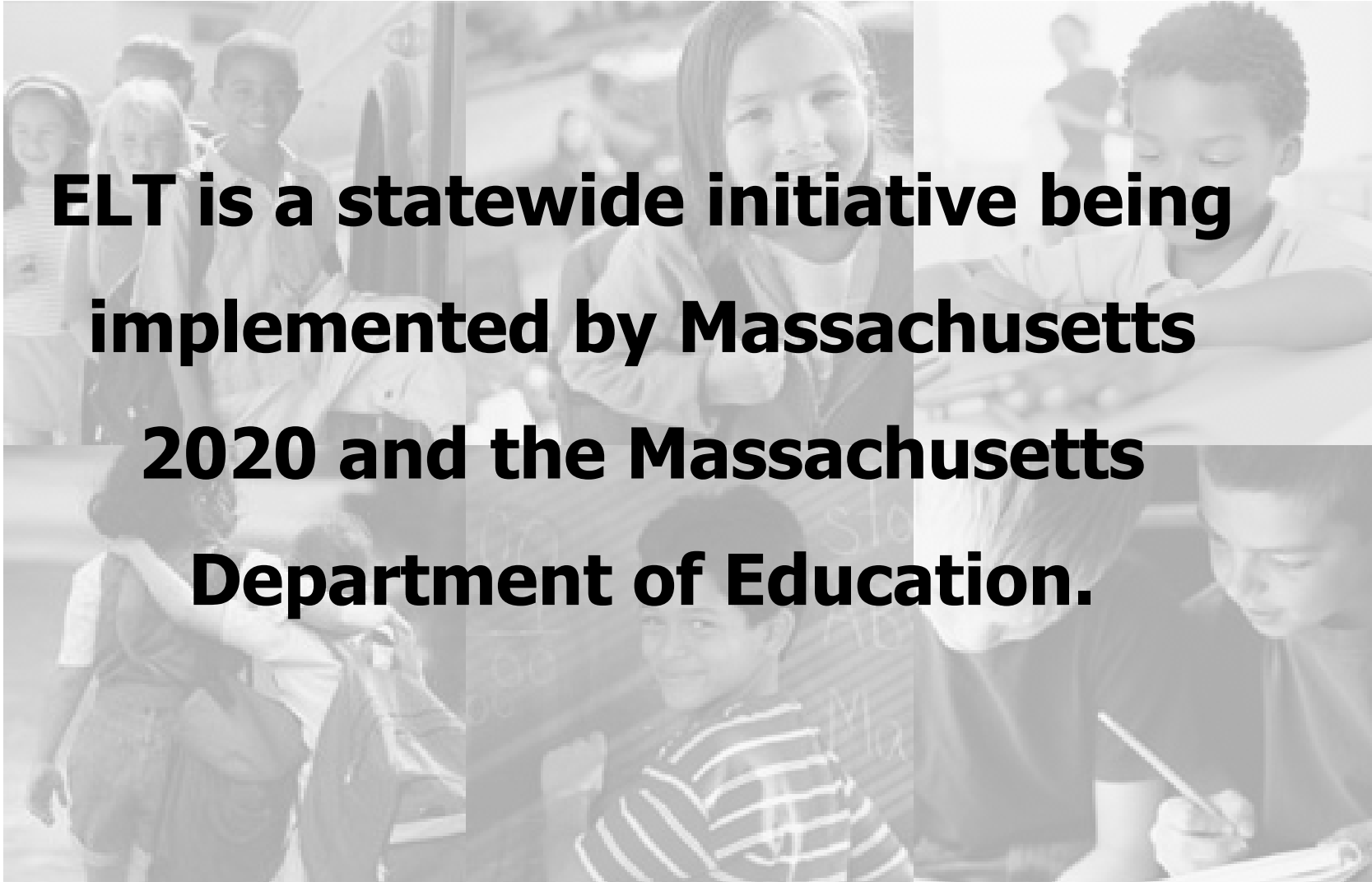
# **Expanded Learning Time**

## **What Could It Mean for Framingham?**



# What is Expanded Learning Time?

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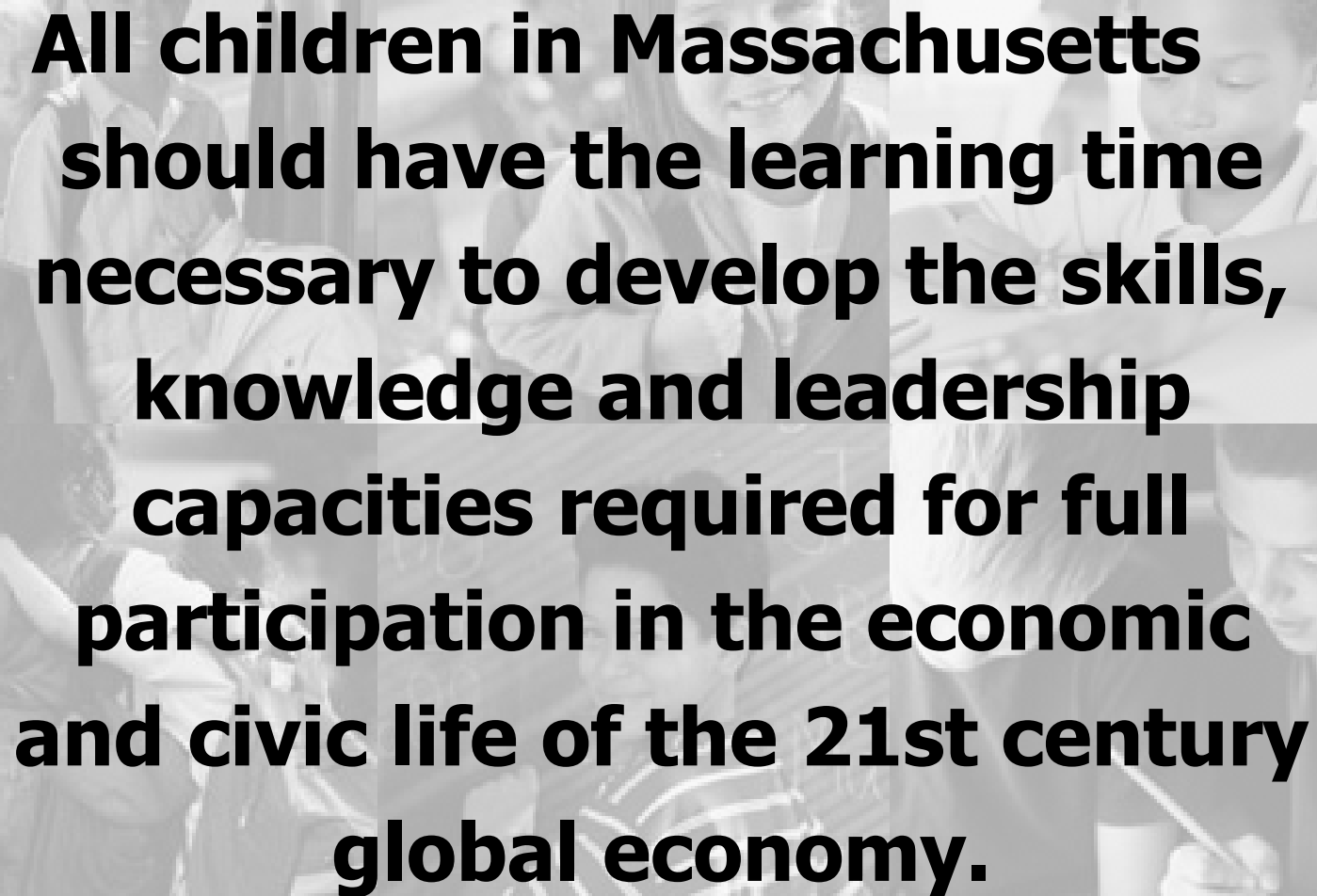
**ELT is a statewide initiative being implemented by Massachusetts 2020 and the Massachusetts Department of Education.**



## **Expanded Learning Time:**

### **Mass 2020's Guiding Vision**

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**All children in Massachusetts should have the learning time necessary to develop the skills, knowledge and leadership capacities required for full participation in the economic and civic life of the 21st century global economy.**



# **Key Components of Expanded Time**

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- **Increased time on academics**
- **Increased enrichment opportunities**
- **Increased staff planning & professional development**



## Little has changed in 100 years

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- Schools have not changed since the time of farms & manufacturing
- Schools have operated with the 6 hour, 180 day schedule for over 100 years
- **Is it time for a new day?**



# What ELT is and isn't...

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## WHAT ELT IS

- **School Redesign:** rethink how time is used throughout day
- **Locally driven** design
- **Community effort** to identify and incorporate resources and services

## WHAT ELT ISN'T

- Time tacked on to the end of the day
- One size fits all model
- More of the same classes



# **More Time for Academics**

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- **Longer learning blocks**
- **Additional periods for core subjects**
- **Teaching the core subjects with hands on projects that support and reinforce learning**
- **Tutoring, academic support, study skills programs**



# **More Time for Enrichment**

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- **Longer blocks for gym, art, music or new activities**
- **Wide variety of electives tied to curriculum frameworks**
- **Partnerships with community-based organizations to offer new programs and activities**



# More Time for Teachers

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ELT creates more learning opportunities for students **and teachers**

- Meet in teams to review student work and discuss teaching strategies
- Plan together
- Learn about new instructional practices
- More time for data analysis tied to outcomes



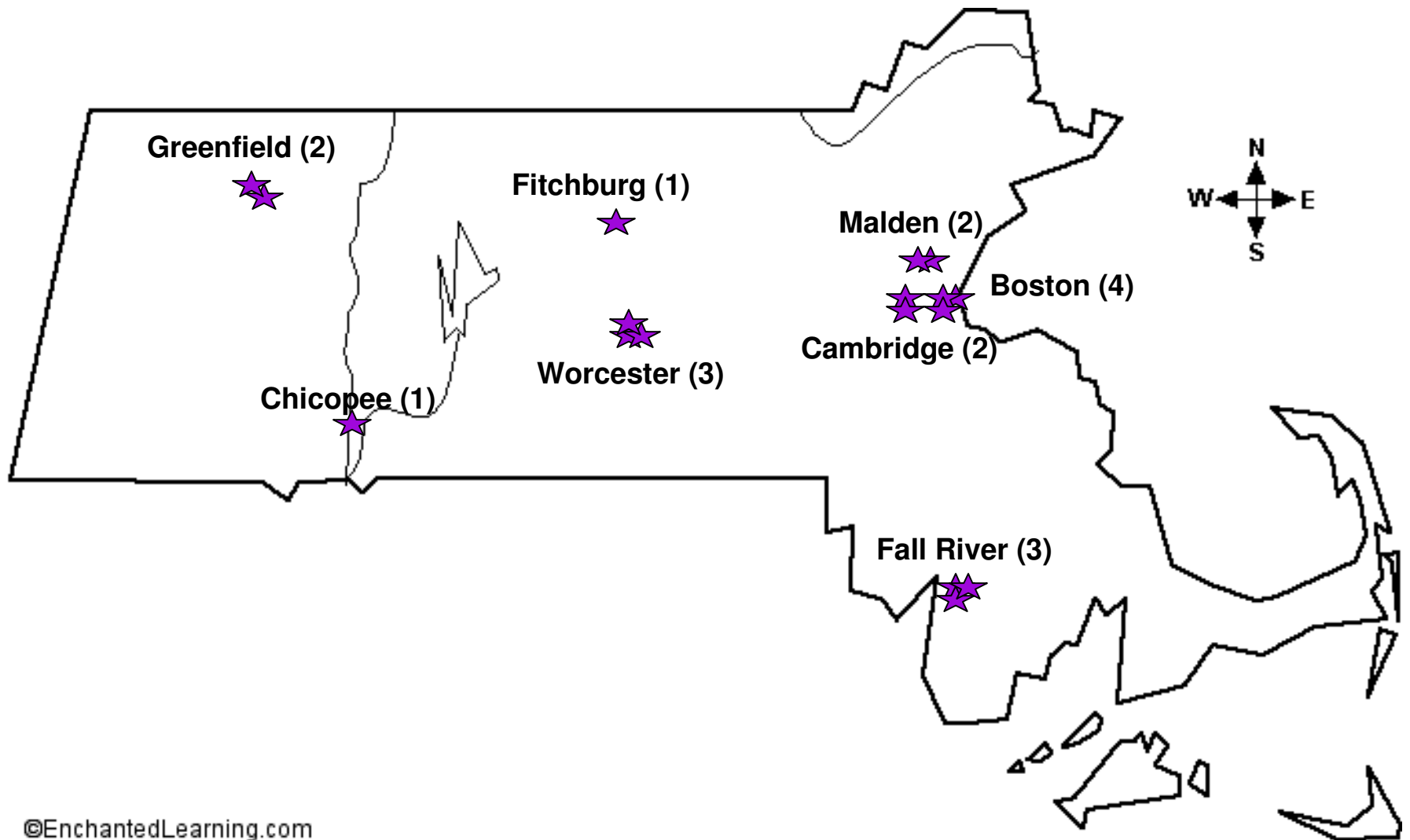
# All Who Is Involved in ELT?

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- **Governor Deval Patrick**
- **Massachusetts Legislature**
- **Department of Education**
- **Mass 2020**
- **18 current schools**
- **43 schools received planning grants for 2008**
- **67 schools planning for 2009**

Many, many community partners throughout the State

# 18 Schools with redesigned schedules





## Other schools hoping to become involved

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**43 schools in 19 districts submitted preliminary plans in August 2007 planning for a fall 2008 Implementation**

- Adams-Cheshire Regional (2)
- Barnstable (2)
- Brockton (2)
- Chelsea (4)
- **Framingham (2)**
- Gardner (1)
- Gateway Regional (7)
- Haverhill (2)
- Hawlemont (1)
- Lowell (2)
- Malden (1)
- Methuen (2)
- New Bedford (1)
- Pittsfield (2)
- Revere (3)
- Southbridge (2)
- Taunton (1)
- Webster (3)
- Westfield (3)



# In Framingham

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**Brophy Elementary School  
Cameron Middle School**

**Fall 2008 opening**



## **Second Draft of ELT Plan Submitted**

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- **Of the 43 that started the planning process only 25 submitted plans in Dec 2007**
- **DOE ranked Cameron and Brophy in the top FIVE**



# **New Planning grant awarded**

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**Schools starting to consider ELT for fall 2009**

**Hemenway Elementary  
Woodrow Wilson Elementary  
Fuller Middle**

Along with 67 other schools in the State



## Schools starting to consider ELT

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- Amherst Pelham 5
- Andover 6
- Athol Royalston 2
- Barnstable 1
- Beverly 1
- Central Berkshire Regional 1
- Chelsea 4
- **Framingham 3**
- Gill-Montague 3
- Greenfield 1
- Haverhill 2
- Leominster 2
- Lynn 3
- Mashpee 3
- Middleboro 2
- New Bedford 1
- Northampton 1
- North Middlesex Regional 2
- Norwood 1
- Revere 5
- Sandwich 1
- Somerville 4
- Springfield 1
- Taunton 3
- Waltham 6
- Wareham 1
- Winthrop 1

**27 Districts (67 schools) ELT 2009-10**



# Highlights of Brophy's Redesigned Day

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## Core Curriculum

- **2.5 hour literacy block daily**
- **2 additional hours each week for math**
- **Hands on activities for math and social studies**



# **Highlights of Brophy's Redesigned Day**

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## **Enrichment Opportunities**

- **Get Up, Get Out – Health and wellness**
- **Kids Who Care – Community Service**
- **Recorder Club**
- **Engineering through Legos**
- **Nature Club**



# **Highlights of Brophy's Redesigned Day**

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## **Partnerships**

- **Metrowest Comm. Health Care Foundation**
- **Garden in the Woods**
- **Framingham Public Library**
- **Callahan Senior Center**
- **Danforth Museum**
- **Genzyme Corporation**



# **Highlights of Brophy's Redesigned Day**

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## **Professional Development**

- **Thursday Early Release**
- **Peer Coaching Teams**
- **Office of Equity and Achievement**  
**(closing the achievement gap)**
- **SAGE Office Gifted and Talented**

All students will be able to participate in Brophy programs like Kids Who Care!





# **Highlights of Cameron's Redesigned Day**

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## **ELT Proposal Includes**

- **Increased time on mathematics**
- **Increased physical activity**
- **Advisor-advisee program**
- **6<sup>th</sup> grade study & organizational skills**
- **7<sup>th</sup> oral presentation skills**
- **8<sup>th</sup> research skills**



# **Highlights of Cameron's Redesigned Day**

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## **Enrichment Opportunities**

- **Book Clubs**
- **Lego Robotics**
- **Drama**
- **Art at the Danforth Museum**
- **CSI Framingham**
- **Jump Start to College**



# **Highlights of Cameron's Redesigned Day**

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## **Partnerships might include**

- **Danforth Museum**
- **YMCA – Suburban Child**
- **Wellesley College**
- **Barnes and Noble**
- **Framingham State College**



# **Highlights of Cameron's Redesigned Day**

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## **Professional Development**

- **Daily team time by grade**
- **Department meetings built in**
- **Co-teaching opportunities**
- **Office of Equity and Achievement  
(closing the achievement gap)**
- **SAGE Office Gifted and Talented**

**Cameron will build on their successful 21<sup>st</sup> century clubs and thru ELT all students will be able to attend!**



# How Can All The New Material Fit?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
			12:00*	
4:00	4:00	4:00		4:00

Brophy proposed new day

\*approximately 20 early release Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.  
for students, staff stay for professional development

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
9:05	9:05	9:05	9:05	9:05
			1:00*	
3:05	3:05	3:05	3:05	3:05

Brophy current schedule

\*12 early release Thursdays

# Cameron Proposed Schedule

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7:25	7:25	7:25	7:25	7:25
			10:50*	
3:15	3:15	3:15	3:15	3:15

Cameron proposed new day

\*approximately 10 early release Thursdays at 10:50 a.m.  
for students, staff stay for professional development

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8:15	8:15	8:15	8:15	8:15
			11:25*	
2:25	2:25	2:25	2:25	2:25

Cameron current schedule  
\* 6 early release Thursdays



# Framingham District Schedules

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- 7:25 a.m. to 1:55 p.m. Framingham High School
- **7:25 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Cameron Middle School**
- **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m Brophy Elementary School**
- 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. McCarthy Elementary School
- 8:15 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. Fuller & Walsh Middle Schools
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Remaining Elementary Schools



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# Half-Day Kindergarten Sessions

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- **8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Brophy Kindergarten**
- 8:15 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. McCarthy Kindergarten
- 9:05 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Other Elementary Schools



## What do parents think about ELT?

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Cameron Planning Team surveyed families from Potter Road, Woodrow Wilson, Stapleton and Cameron.

- **88% in favor of ELT**
- **6% need more information**
- **6% the day would be too long**

(more than 240 surveys were returned)



## **Mass2020 Survey at 3 Schools Implementing ELT**

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- **77% of parents report their child is performing better in school**
- **75% believe that the expanded schedule is better for their child**
- **79% agree and 48% strongly agree that more schools in the state should expand their schedules**



# Frequently Asked Questions

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## How is ELT Funded?

- The State allocates \$1,300 per ELT student
- There is no parent fee
- No District money is utilized



# Frequently Asked Questions

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**Does every student need to attend the whole time?**

■ YES

(Except if the IEP for a Special Education students does not include the extended hours).

■ Youngsters adjust very quickly to the longer day!



# Frequently Asked Questions

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## **What amount of time is allocated for enrichment, core subjects and professional development?**

- Every school develops a plan to meet the needs of their students. There is no set formula for the use of time.
- One of the reasons ELT is so exciting is that it is a customized plan developed by parents, teachers and administrators for their own students.



# Think Big-Get Involved!

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- Design teams and meetings are being held now at all ELT schools
- If you are not involved in the design, give feedback on the ideas through surveys, focus groups or by talking to design team members
- Assess school needs in order to determine priorities and make decisions about school re-design (review student data)



## Panel of Experts to Answer Your Questions

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- **Tony Caputo**
  - Former Principal, Hiatt School in Worcester & Mass2020 consultant
- **Ann McPartland**
  - Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Hiatt School
- **Dr. Eugene Thayer**
  - Superintendent, Framingham Public Schools
- **Judith Kelly**
  - Principal, Cameron Middle School
- **Margaret Doyle**
  - Principal, Brophy Elementary School



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# Thank You!

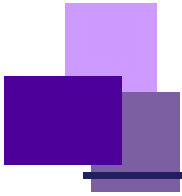
## Our Panel

### Townwide PTO

- Audrey Hall
- Melanie Goddard
- Jim Stockless
- Kristin Romine
- Terry Sugrue

### Framingham Public School Staff

- Esta Montano
- Anna Cross
- Judy Platt
- Anne Rubenstein
- Steve McGonagle
- John Halliday
- Juan Rodriguez
- Robin Welch
- Carolyn Burke
- Mike Welch



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