



Anne Arundel County Maryland Chapter
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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COUNCIL MAINTAINS FUNDING TOWARD HEALTHY SCHOOL HOURS

The Anne Arundel County Council and County Executive Schuh again demonstrated their commitment to the health and safety of Anne Arundel students by voting to appropriate \$602,000 to shift school start times in August 2017. While Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) says this appropriation allows only for a minimal shift of 13 minutes, Start School Later Anne Arundel County (SSL AACo) continues to encourage AACPS to use its transportation software to develop schedules that meet the American Academy of Pediatrics and (new this week) American Medical Association recommendations to start middle and high schools no earlier than 8:30, allowing adolescents to get the sleep their growing bodies require.

“We look forward to Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent of Schools, using the funds appropriated to shift bell times in August 2017, and we appreciate the continued efforts of the County Executive, County Council, and Board of Education to improve the health and safety of our students,” said Lisa VanBuskirk, Chapter Leader of SSL AACo.

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Start School Later Anne Arundel County is a chapter of Start School Later, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to ensure school start times compatible with health, safety, education, and equity. Please visit our website at startschoollater.net or startschoollater.net/md---anne-arundel-county.html.