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Dear Lorraine,

The Beaverton School District will be establishing a Wednesday 90-minute early release schedule beginning next fall (2017) for teacher collaboration and professional development. We are working this school year to plan an effective implementation. Please help us communicate this change by sharing this information with your Chamber member businesses.

Collaboration is an ongoing process of small teams of teachers working together to know each student's strengths and challenges, and to meet students' specific learning needs, while strengthening the teacher's own teaching practices. Collaboration time gives teachers a more comprehensive view of the child and increases teacher effectiveness, making it essential for student success.

Over the course of the next three years, nine additional student contact days will be added to the District calendar. The school calendars for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 are still in development.

Here is the Wednesday School Release Schedule beginning Sept. 2017: *(tentative, subject to change)*

Elementary Schools: *Note: Our elementary schools have staggered start schedules for bus routing.*

Wed. Early Release time: 1:05 p.m.; regular days - 2:35 p.m.

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Middle Schools: Start time: 9:05 a.m., **Wed. Early Release time: 2:10 p.m.;** regular days - 3:40 p.m.

Additional information is available on our main webpage: www.beaverton.k12.or.us

Thank you for your help in communicating this change in Sept. 2017.

Sincerely,

Maureen Wheeler