







# DISCUSSION: CALENDAR START TIMES

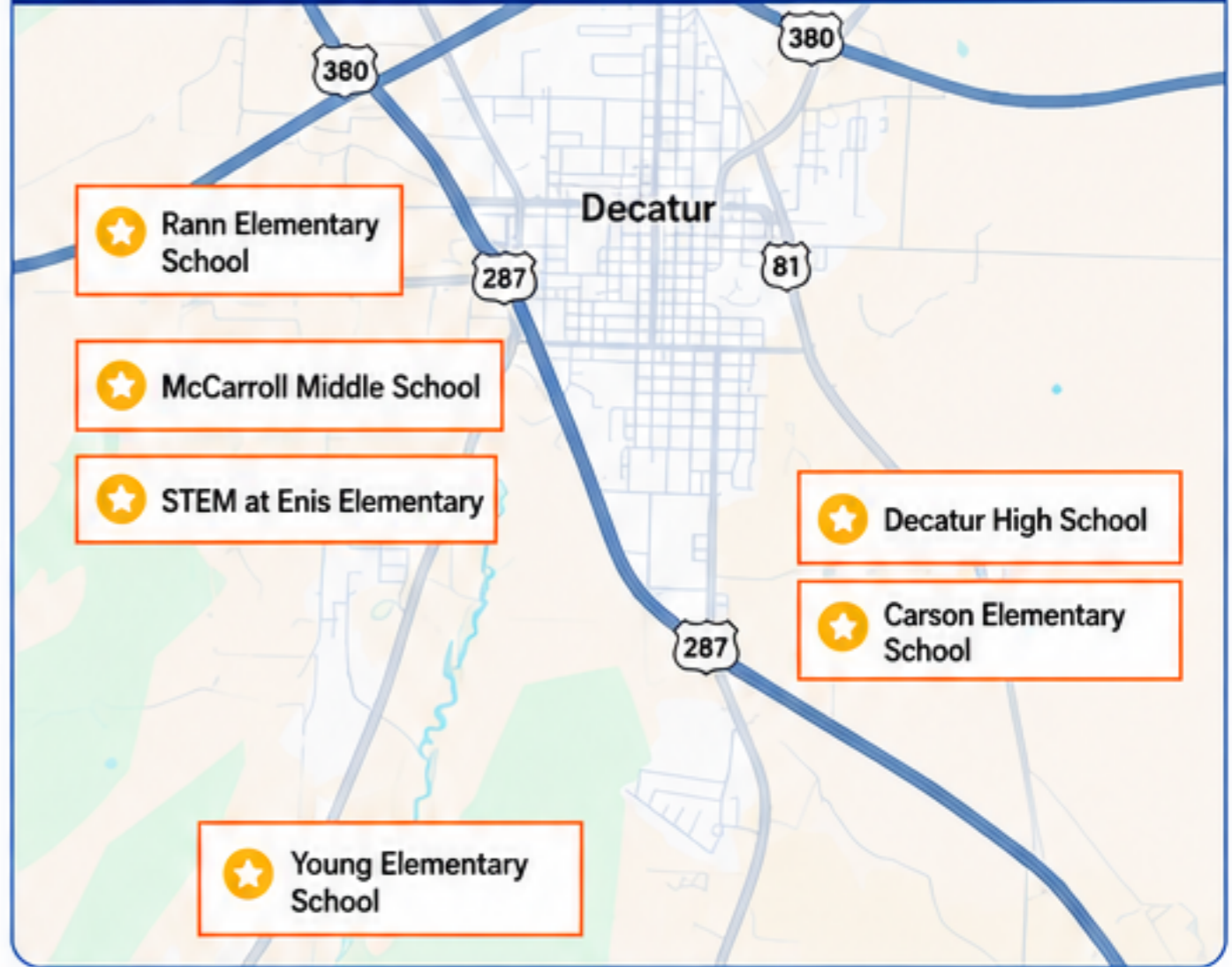
## for McCarroll Middle School & STEM Academy at Enis Elementary

### CURRENTLY APPROVED FOR 2026–27\*

 Carson, Rann, Young Elementary Schools	7:30 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
 STEM Academy at Enis Elementary	7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
 McCarroll Middle School	7:30 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
 Decatur High School	8:00 a.m. – 4:20 p.m.

\*5 minutes were added at the end of the day from the 25/26 school year to provide additional cushion for bad weather/school cancellations. 5 minutes per day equates to ~1 school day per year.

### OUR SCHOOLS



**CHALLENGE #1: Enis has an earlier start time than the other elementaries.**

#### BACKGROUND:

- Due to transportation restrictions, Enis' start time was moved 10 minutes earlier than Rann to allow time for the shared bus to get from Enis to Rann (5–7 min bus travel time).
- A staggered start time between Enis and MMS has been recommended due to traffic congestion in the area.

**CHALLENGE #2: McCarroll Middle School has the same start time as Carson, Rann, and Young which presents transportation and attendance challenges (tardies) for parents with students at one of those elementary schools and MMS.**

#### BACKGROUND:

- McCarroll Middle School was first moved from a 7:50 start time to a 7:30 start time in 2024–25 to prepare for the 4-Day schedule, which ensured middle school students were released before 4:00.
- Carson, Rann, and Young were moved to a 7:40 start time the same year (10 minute difference from MMS).
- Rann, Carson, and Young were moved to a 7:30 start time in 2025–26 to also have an earlier release time for elementary students with the 4-Day schedule, as was expressed as a priority in parent feedback and DEIC.

### POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO CONSIDER

#### 1 Discontinue AM bus service at Enis.

- When Enis opened in 2021, AM buses were not offered as it is a choice school.
- Would impact 9 students in the morning.



#### 2 Change MMS time to 7:40 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



#### 3 Change MMS time to 7:40 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. AND Enis time to 7:30 a.m. – 3:50 p.m. AND discontinue bus services at Enis.



### OTHER INFORMATION

- When Enis first opened, it had a longer day than the other elementaries to accommodate their additional Engineering block.
- Elementary times have consistently been changed due to transportation restrictions.
- The elementaries and MMS have had the same start time except for in 2024–25.
- A staggered start time between Enis and MMS has been recommended due to traffic congestion in the area.

### HISTORICAL SCHOOL START & END TIMES

SCHOOL	2025–2026	2024–2025	2023–2024	2022–2023	2021–2022	2020–2021
 Carson, Rann, Young	7:30 – 3:45	7:40 – 3:25	7:50 – 3:20	7:50 – 3:20	Carson & Young: 8:10 – 3:40 Rann: 7:50 – 3:20	7:50 – 3:20
 Enis	7:20 – 3:35	7:40 – 3:25	7:40 – 3:15	7:40 – 3:15	7:40 – 3:35	N/A
 McCarroll Middle School	7:30 – 3:45	7:30 – 3:15	7:50 – 3:30	7:50 – 3:30	7:50 – 3:30	7:50 – 3:30
 Decatur High School	8:00 – 4:15	7:45 – 3:30	8:00 – 3:45	8:00 – 3:45	8:00 – 3:40	8:00 – 3:40



The purpose of this discussion is to evaluate start time options that support efficient transportation, reduce traffic congestion, and best serve our students, families, and staff.



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