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**Subject: Extended Learning Opportunities - Reminder for the  
2019/20 School Year**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We hope you enjoyed the summer break and are now ready to begin another productive school year. As we prepare to welcome students back to class on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019**, please note that our school hours for the 2019/20 school year are as follows:

**Student Breakfast:                    7:00 am until 7:30 am**

**Student School Day:                7:15 am until 2:15 pm**

For 2019-20, our school day will only be extended by a half hour. This is a change from last year where the school day was extended for an hour. The extension of instructional time beyond the normal school day is required by Florida law for students who attend the 300 lowest performing elementary schools (in the state) based on the results of the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) for English Language Arts.

The extended learning time will be devoted to providing additional reading instruction and enrichment designed to meet the individualized needs of our students.

Please note, students who will enter grades four or five in the 2019/20 school year and who scored a Level 4 or 5 on the FSA English Language Arts, may "opt out" of the extended learning time. Students who scored a Level 4 or 5 will be provided enrichment in reading during the additional instructional time. Parents can contact Mr. Michael Billins, school principal, regarding the option to "opt out" of the enrichment instruction.

We know that you may have questions about the extended day and new school hours. Therefore, we have attached to this letter a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and answers.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to call our main office at 754-322-7000 or contact the District's Office of Service Quality at (754) 321- 3636.