



## Bell Time and Walk Zone Review - FINAL

In 2012, based on recommendations from the Ministry's Efficiency and Effectiveness Review, OSTA began its transformation project to harmonize walk zone maps and re-align bell times throughout its system. The first step was to create new policies governing how these steps were to be undertaken, including the consultation and approval process for each part of the project. The result was the Bell Time Management Policy T19, an amendment to the Transportation Services T14 procedure for standardized hazard criteria and assessment methodology and the Consultation Policy G14.

This past year, OSTA has conducted consultation with its internal and external stakeholders to get feedback on proposed bell time changes and new walk zone maps. Twenty-five consultation sessions were held at schools throughout the city to collect feedback from April to June 2014. An electronic survey was also made available on OSTA's website along with information regarding OSTA's transformation.

OSTA took the feedback it received from school communities and revised its recommendations. Individual concerns regarding safety were carefully evaluated and/or re-assessed, and numerous changes were made to walk zones as a result. In addition, some schools were removed from the bell time review due to various circumstances unique to those school communities.

### All changes to be implemented for September 2015

#### Bell Time → There is no change

Start Time	End Time
9:20	3:50

#### There is a minor change in the Walk Zone



Please visit [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies/transformation/walkzone-maps](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies/transformation/walkzone-maps) to view the FINAL walk zone maps online. Each school also has a summary of re-assessments and outcomes based on feedback gathered during consultation.

A hard copy of the 800m (kindergarten) and/or 1.6km (grades 1-8) walk zone map(s) are available at the school for viewing.

More detailed information can be found on our website at  
<http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies/transformation>