

**Elizabeth Fagen**

May 29 (5 days ago)

to Daniel, me, Nona, john.carson, craig.richards., doug.benevento, justin.williams, meghann.silver., kevin.larsen

Dear Laura:

Thanks for the note. I am happy to look into this. I believe Dan clearly and transparently presented this information as preliminary.

I do have a question and perhaps a request. I received a copy of your recent email. (I pasted it below.) Your email says, "Unfortunately, the public was misinformed as the former information was distributed through a Superintendent Update sent out to all parents." This statement seems misleading, as it was a link to a presentation that was sent out to all parents through my email, and in that link was a presentation with one slide that was presented as preliminary information. It was later updated when the final analysis was completed. Perhaps in the future you might share the entire context. We would appreciate that, as we work very hard on transparency.

Thanks,  
Liz

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**Strong Schools**

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to Elizabeth, Nona, john.carson, craig.richards., doug.benevento, justin.williams, meghann.silver., kevin.larsen, Daniel

Dear Liz:

While we certainly appreciate your timely response and willingness to look into this, we feel it important to emphasize just how concerning it was to learn that the instructional time analysis presented on May 7th was so far off-base with the final analysis. While the May 7th presentation indicated that 7 high schools schedules were analyzed, we find it mathematically impossible that instructional time could have increased by 3.24 hours when **not one school increased its instructional time** as the final analysis shows. Furthermore, Dan's statements from the May 7th presentation (highlighted with red text here and in the linked document) are truly perplexing:

***"We only have seven schools completed because we're talking about some serious time doing this data analysis. But what we found is the instructional time to earn a 1.0 credit in our high schools on average across all those seven high schools increased by 3.24 hours. Okay? There were two high schools – one in particular, where the instructional time to earn one credit increased 40 hours this year. Another increased 38 hours. So people that are concerned about instructional time – they should be visiting those schools to talk about that schedule that those schools have in play."***

You also state that you believe, "Dan clearly and transparently presented this information as preliminary." Given that you did not specifically state that the information was preliminary in your email, how would a parent who did not attend the May 7th meeting and who only received the presentation understand that it was preliminary? Wouldn't a parent expect it to be representative of the final analysis since the analysis of 7 of 9 high schools was completed? Given the final analysis demonstrates that the "preliminary" information was glaringly inaccurate, how would a parent know without an email to correct the misinformation?

As to your concern regarding our statement, "*Unfortunately, the public was misinformed as the former information was distributed through a Superintendent Update sent out to all parents,*" your email was a direct email to all parents and states, "*View the presentation [here](#) and see the great progress in our school district.*" As the misinformation in the Strategic Plan Update was promoted through your Superintendent Update email, we feel our statement is truthful and forthright. **We agree that providing context is very important, which is why we always link to the source documents, videos and materials so that individuals can research and fully understand the context.**

Finally, you state that the Strategic Plan Update has been updated with this correct information, please direct us to this link. If you are referencing the High School Schedule Update presentation, then your statement that "it was updated when the final analysis was complete," does not change the fact that the Strategic Plan Update that was sent to all DCSD parents is not accurate, current and complete. We look forward to another Superintendent Update email to parents that rectifies the misinformation around high school instructional time.

Thank you,  
Laura Mutton and Susan Meek