

Lee county district may experience schedule changes

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It has been said that Cape Coral High School may be undergoing some major schedule changes next year. To clarify on the rumors, the statement is true. The only question now is what kind of schedule change will there be?

Beginning this month, the teacher's union Bargaining Committee (TALC) and the school board will be meeting to implement new scheduling for all Lee County Schools. They will be debating on the best type of schedule for each middle and

high school in the area. The options include an eight period block schedule with rotating days or a shortened six period days.

The reasons for these changes are money. With the slow down in the economy, come setbacks in funding for schools nationwide. To accommodate these funding deficits the meetings will help decide how to use the money wisely for each district and how to get the best education on a tight budget.

"There are lots of positives in block scheduling," said Eric McFee, principal of Cape High. "Teachers will be able to get a lot

done in 80 minute classes."

There are negatives and positives to both options. With block scheduling students would have longer periods, an advantage for teachers, more days for homework, an advantage for students, and fewer class changes, an advantage for administrators. Also students would have the opportunity to have 32 credits.

"I would prefer a block schedule because it will be easier to fulfill our credit requirements," said Krystal Burton, pre-IB sophomore.

With six period days there would be more time in classes,

one less class change, but only an opportunity for 24 credits which is the bare-minimum for graduation. "A six period schedule has no room for error," said Sue Marzonie. Students would have less room for electives and no opportunity to fail.

As of right now there are no definite answers to which way the decision will swing. However, parents and students can allow their opinions to be heard on the district website or by attending School Board meetings every other week on the corner of Metro Parkway and Colonial Parkway in Ft. Myers.