



Kettering City Schools
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As many of you may be aware, the Kettering City School District, like districts across the country, is experiencing a major shortage of qualified school bus drivers. Last school year, this resulted in the almost-daily cancellation of bus routes because we simply did not have enough drivers to cover them.

In an effort to reduce or, better yet, eliminate the need to cancel routes for the coming school year, our Transportation Department has been working very hard this summer to combine several bus routes across the district. Just as we make every effort to integrate our students with special needs and our general student population in classrooms and school activities, so too will we be transporting students together on many of our bus routes, beginning with the start of the 2021-2022 school year. This change will reduce our routes and, it is sincerely hoped, provide enough bus drivers and aides to transport students to and from school and not have to cancel routes because of the driver shortage.

If you are the parent or guardian of a student with special needs and your child DOES NOT attend their home school, they will continue to be transported on a dedicated special education bus. If your child WILL BE attending their home school, a KCS special education coordinator will be reaching out to you to let you know the details for transporting your child to and from school. We will continue to provide curb-to-curb busing and have aides, where specified, to ride with students with special needs, providing them with all appropriate supports.

Parents/guardians of all students eligible for transportation can now access the Bus Route Information System to determine bus stops and pick-up and drop-off times. The Bus Route Information System can be found on the district's website at www.ketteringschools.org, under "Departments" and then "Transportation."

While we know that change can be difficult for some, we are confident that even with change, our Transportation Department will be able to provide the high level of service to which they strive for all students across the entire district.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please reach out to your child's building principal, your child's special education coordinator or me.

Sincerely,

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