



August 11, 2021

Jeremy Decker
Superintendent

Hello Windsor Unified School District families,

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As we approach the 2021/2022 school year, we are excited and eager to transport our students to and from school.

Lisa Saxon
Director of Educational
Services

We have been working diligently to customize our school bus routes to reflect our current staffing challenges. Over the past three months, we have had drivers retire, move out of state, and have medical issues. This has caused the transportation department to become understaffed. While we have continued to advertise for our vacant bus driver positions, like many other businesses, we have not been able to hire new employees to fill these 5 bus driver vacancies. With that being said, we have been doing our best to ensure that we would be able to provide transportation services to our students for the 2021-22 school year, and through some creative problem-solving (contracting for services, consolidating routes, utilizing office staff to drive busses, etc.), had a plan to provide bussing for our students beginning on the first day of school. This plan had been finalized at 11:45am on Tuesday, August 10th.

Debra Ryan
Director of Special Education

Unfortunately, the transportation department suffered yet another loss at 3:45pm on Tuesday, August 10th. Two of our current bus drivers are now unable to fulfill their duties due to unforeseen circumstances, and the company that we had planned to contract with is unable to provide their drivers to us for the first day of school. The district is now short 5 bus drivers to accommodate our planned routes.

Chris Meredith
Director of Human Resources

Unfortunately, this means that the district will not be able to provide the transportation that we worked so hard to finalize. We understand the frustration and inconvenience that this will cause, and are sincerely sorry. As a parent to a 7th grader, I share the need for student transportation along with our many district families.

Brad Rigney
Instructional and Information
Technology Services Director

We fully expect to resume all transportation services this school year, and are going to work hard to be fully operational by August 30th. The transportation department will send more information as we finalize the details. This understandably will cause a huge but short lived burden to our Windsor Unified Families.



As we finalize the return for transportation, please keep in mind that all students will be required to wear a mask on the bus, and while physical distancing will not be required, we will implement it on our busses whenever feasible.

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We know that this is extremely short notice, but up until 3:45pm on Tuesday, we had everything in place to provide bussing services to our students. We will provide an update as soon as possible to clearly communicate the details of the routes and services that will be covered. We sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding, and look forward to transporting your students once again very soon.

Sincerely,

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Hola familias del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Windsor,

A medida que nos acercamos al año escolar 2021/2022, estamos emocionados y ansiosos por transportar a nuestros estudiantes hacia y desde la escuela.

Hemos estado trabajando diligentemente para personalizar las rutas de nuestros autobuses escolares para reflejar nuestros desafíos actuales de personal. Durante los últimos tres meses los conductores se jubilaron, se mudaron fuera del estado y tuvieron problemas médicos. Esto ha provocado que el departamento de transporte se quede sin personal. Si bien hemos continuado publicitando nuestros puestos vacantes de conductor de autobús, como muchas otras empresas, no hemos podido contratar nuevos empleados para llenar 5 puestos de conductor de autobús. Dicho esto, hemos estado haciendo todo lo posible para asegurarnos de poder brindar servicios de transporte a nuestros estudiantes para el año escolar 2021-22, y mediante algunas soluciones creativas de problemas (contratación de servicios, consolidación de rutas, utilización de algunos empleados de oficina para conducir autobuses, etc.), teníamos un plan para proporcionar transporte en autobús para nuestros estudiantes a partir del primer día de clases. Este plan se finalizó a las 11:45am del martes 10 de agosto.

Desafortunadamente, el departamento de transporte sufrió otra pérdida a las 3:45pm del martes 10 de agosto. Dos de nuestros conductores de autobuses actuales ahora no pueden cumplir con sus deberes debido a circunstancias imprevistas, y la empresa con la que habíamos planeado contratar no puede proporcionarnos sus conductores para el primer día de clases. El distrito ahora tiene 5 conductores de autobús cortos para adaptarse a nuestras rutas planificadas.

Desafortunadamente, esto significa que el distrito no podrá proporcionar el transporte por el que trabajamos tan duro para finalizar. Entendemos la frustración y los inconvenientes que esto causará y lo sentimos sinceramente. Como padre de un estudiante de séptimo grado, comparto la necesidad de transporte estudiantil junto con nuestras muchas familias del distrito.

Esperamos reanudar todos los servicios de transporte este año escolar y vamos a trabajar duro para estar en pleno funcionamiento para el 30 de agosto. El departamento de transporte enviará más información a medida que finalicemos los detalles. Es comprensible que esto cause una carga enorme pero de corta duración para nuestras familias.

Cuando finalicemos el regreso de nuestros servicios de transporte, tenga en cuenta que todos los estudiantes deberán usar una máscara en el autobús y, aunque no se requerirá el distanciamiento físico, lo implementaremos en nuestros autobuses siempre que sea posible.

Sabemos que esto es un aviso muy corto, pero hasta las 3:45pm del martes, teníamos todo listo para brindar servicios de transporte en autobús a nuestros estudiantes. Proporcionaremos una actualización lo antes posible para comunicar claramente los detalles de las rutas y servicios que se cubrirán. Le agradecemos sinceramente su paciencia y comprensión, y esperamos poder transportar a sus estudiantes una vez más muy pronto.

Sinceramente,

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