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Dear Families of Students at Edison Career & Technology High School, Leadership Academy for Young Men, Northwest Junior High at Douglass, Northeast College High School, and Rochester Early College International High School:

Last week, we were notified that our bus providers do not have enough drivers to transport all of our students to and from school. We are now faced with a significant crisis, which has forced us to make several adjustments including changing the first day of school to Thursday, September 9, 2021.

- **Beginning Thursday, September 9, students who are able to provide their own transportation to school will be able to attend class in person.**
- **Students who are not able to arrange their own transportation will log on to Google Classroom and follow their schedules via remote learning with their teachers. Please ensure your children's Chromebooks are fully operational with access to the internet. Students who still need a Chromebook or hotspot can request one at [www.rcsdk12.org/studenttechnology](http://www.rcsdk12.org/studenttechnology).**
- **Beginning Monday, September 13, 2021, RTS will provide transportation for these schools.**

Your five schools are directly impacted by this issue, as they were originally covered by a transportation provider who recently experienced a substantial number of resignations. As you may be aware, there is a serious shortage of bus drivers nationwide and in our community. We have made every effort to resolve this situation, including recruitment and retention strategies, and changing the start and dismissal times at many of our schools.

While I understand this is not an ideal way to start school, I want you to know that we explored all possible options, including remote learning. Grounded in feedback from students, families, and staff, coupled with our desire to return students in person, we removed remote learning from consideration.

I want to thank you for your understanding, patience, and flexibility, as we continue to navigate the effects of this pandemic. I look forward to welcoming back students.

Sincerely,

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Apreciadas Familias de Estudiantes de Edison Career & Technology High School, Leadership Academy for Young Men, Northwest Junior High at Douglass, Northeast College High School, y Rochester Early College International High School:

La semana pasada, se nos notificó que nuestros proveedores de autobuses no cuentan con suficientes conductores para transportar a todos nuestros estudiantes hacia y desde la escuela. Ahora nos enfrentamos a una complicada crisis, que nos ha obligado a hacer varios ajustes, incluyendo cambiar el primer día de clases para el jueves, 9 de septiembre de 2021.

- **A partir del jueves 9 de septiembre, los estudiantes que puedan conseguir su propio medio de transporte a la escuela podrán asistir a clases en persona.**
- **Los estudiantes que no puedan organizar su propio transporte se conectarán mediante Google Classroom y continuarán sus horarios usando el aprendizaje virtual con sus maestros. Por favor asegúrese de que los Chromebooks de sus hijos estén totalmente listos para operar con acceso a internet. Los estudiantes que aun necesiten un Chromebook o un hotspot pueden solicitarlo en [www.rcsdk12.org/studenttechnology](http://www.rcsdk12.org/studenttechnology).**
- **A partir del lunes 13 de septiembre de 2021, el sistema público de transporte de Rochester (RTS) prestará el servicio de transporte para estas escuelas.**

Estas cinco escuelas serán afectadas directamente por este problema, ya que originalmente este recorrido lo haría un proveedor de transporte que recientemente experimentó una gran cantidad de renunciaciones. Como ya sabrá, existe una grave escasez de conductores de autobuses en todo el país y en nuestra comunidad. Hemos hecho todo lo posible para resolver esta situación, incluyendo estrategias de contratación y retención, y el cambio en las horas de inicio y salida en muchas de nuestras escuelas.

Aunque comprendo que esta no es la forma ideal de comenzar las clases, quiero que sepan que hemos analizado todas las opciones posibles, incluido el aprendizaje virtual. Basados en los comentarios de los estudiantes, las familias y el personal empleado, junto con nuestro deseo de ver el regreso de los estudiantes en persona, eliminamos la opción del aprendizaje remoto de nuestra consideración.

Quiero agradecerles por su comprensión, paciencia y flexibilidad, mientras continuamos superando los efectos de esta pandemia. Es mi deseo volver a darle la bienvenida a los estudiantes.

Cordialmente,

Dr. Lesli C. Myers-Small  
Superintendente del Distrito