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Dear Families of students in Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10, Enrico Fermi School No. 17, and Abraham Lincoln School No. 22,

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 that will impact the start of the school year.

One immediate solution the RCSD is implementing is to eliminate transportation for students who participate in the Walker-Bus Program and live within 1.5 miles of their school. Our records indicate that your child's school is within a 1.5-mile radius of your home. **Therefore, the District will no longer provide transportation for your child to and from school beginning Thursday, September 9.** This decision was made after careful consideration of all our possible options.

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.

We understand that this may cause a significant inconvenience, and we sincerely apologize for the late notice. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and flexibility, as we continue to navigate the effects of this pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesli C. Myers-Small".

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Estimadas familias de las estudiantes de las escuelas Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10, Enrico Fermi School No. 17, and Abraham Lincoln School No. 22,

La semana pasada, se nos notificó que nuestros proveedores de autobuses no tienen suficientes conductores para transportar a todos nuestros estudiantes a sus escuela. Ahora nos enfrentamos a una crisis importante, que nos ha obligado a realizar varios ajustes que impactarán el inicio del año escolar.

Una solución inmediata que el Distrito va a implementar es eliminar el transporte para los estudiantes que participan en el Programa Walker-Bus y viven dentro de 1.5 millas de su escuela. Nuestros registros indican que la escuela que su hijo asiste es de un radio de 1.5 millas de su casa. **Por lo tanto, el Distrito ya no proveera transporte para su hijo hacia y desde la escuela a partir del jueves 9 de septiembre**. Esta decisión se tomó después de una cuidadosa consideración de todas nuestras posibles opciones.

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, incluidas las estrategias de reclutamiento y retención, y el cambio de las horas de inicio y salida en muchas de nuestras escuelas.

Entendemos que esto puede causar un inconveniente importante y nos disculpamos sinceramente por el retraso en el aviso. Gracias por su comprensión, paciencia y flexibilidad, mientras continuamos navegando los efectos de esta pandemia.

Atentamente,

Dra. Lesli Myers-Small
Superintendente