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Dear Rochester City School District Students and Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school on September 8, 2021. We have been busy working to make sure all of our students, families, and staff are prepared for a successful in person opening of schools in September, including the building of student schedules, preparing school buildings, organizing staffing, and more.

As you may be aware, there is a shortage of bus drivers throughout our community. Our team has been working closely with our transportation providers to develop contingency plans to address the bus driver shortage.

Unfortunately, we have reached a point where we must enact our emergency transportation plan, which requires us to change bell times for some of our elementary schools. The District needs to adjust some schools' start and dismissal times, effective Wednesday, September 8. Please see the new schedule below.

7:30 am – 2:00 pm	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Roberto Clemente School No. 8	John Williams School No. 5	Clara Barton School No. 2
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School No. 9	Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7	George Mather Forbes School No. 4
Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School	Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19	Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School
No. 12	Francis Parker School No. 23	No. 10
Enrico Fermi School No. 17	Nathaniel Hawthorne School No. 25	John Walton Spencer School No. 16
The Children's School of Rochester No. 15	Henry Hudson School No. 28	Abraham Lincoln School No. 22
Pinnacle School No. 35	John James Audubon School No. 33	Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29
Mary McLeod Bethune School No, 45	Dr. Louis A. Cerulli School No. 34	Andrew J. Townson School No. 39
Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50	Charles Carroll School No. 46	Abelard Reynolds School No. 42
Wilson Foundation Academy	Montessori Academy School No. 53	Frank Fowler Dow School No. 52
	RISE Community School No. 106	The Flower City School No. 54
		World of Inquiry School No. 58 (K – 6)

I am letting you know about this change now to allow ample time to adjust childcare, if needed. Please contact your school's principal if you would like to discuss the changes in start and dismissal times. There are no changes to the schedule for secondary schools and programs. A full list of bell times for each District school is posted on our website at www.rcsdk12.org.

We will be holding a public forum via Zoom on **Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-11:30 a.m.**, where we will provide more details on the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The link to register is www.rcsdk12.org/forum.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We all look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

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