



Action REQUIRED: Transportation update from ISD 882



Dear Monticello families,

With the upcoming school year rapidly approaching, our partners at Hoglund Transportation are beginning to coordinate bus routes for the upcoming year. We have several important announcements in this letter, and ask that families please read the letter in its entirety and complete all directions within the letter by Saturday, August 22nd.

The first big announcement of the letter is for kindergarten and all-day preschool families. **Eastview will have its own routes and there will not be a walking area for our students in kindergarten and students attending the all day every day preschool program.** As of now, this change is ONLY for the 2020-21 School Year.

While we are improving transportation for our younger students, we are also encouraging families to follow each building's safety zone protocol in order to reduce bus usage to those students needing it the most. **In addition, to help reduce the number of students on buses this year, we will also be reducing parking fees for high school students.**

For families that will have children on buses this year, it's more imperative than ever that students follow bus safety rules. It's important for our families to know that Minnesota Department of Health requires transportation services to plan for:

- While riding the school bus, all students need to properly wear a facemask or a face shield.
- Cleaning and disinfecting transportation vehicles regularly, focusing on frequent cleaning of touched surfaces in the vehicle (i.e. surfaces near seats, hard seats, door handles, seat belt buckles, light and air controls, doors and windows, grab handles) between routes.
- Keeping doors and windows open when cleaning the vehicle and between trips to thoroughly let vehicles air out.
- Reviewing and evaluating school transportation capacity with the goal of creating as much space between riders as possible, recognizing that it is not always feasible to have 6 feet of social distancing.

The biggest change that we will be making this year is an adjustment to school start and end times. In order to best serve our students, balance class loads, and maintain rigorous essential standards, the school board will vote on August 17th to change times across district buildings. This change will help our students across the district while also helping to accommodate the additional requirements for transportation. These start times will be in effect all year, for all forms of in-person and hybrid learning. The schedule change should help students feel less stressed and promote an increase in quality time for family, sports/activities, homework, work, and down-time. It also allows the district more time to clean buildings, it reduces contact time for

students and staff, and increases our ability to keep students in our buildings throughout the school year.

Start and end times for buildings will be as follows:

School	Start Time	End Time
EEC	8:30	2:20
Outdoor Education Locations	8:30	2:20
LME	9:15	3:15
PWE	9:15	3:15
MMS	7:30	1:37
MHS/ALP	7:30	1:45

Lastly, we have a couple of very important required actions for families that need to make changes to their transportation plans for the 2020-21 school year:

- We are asking that families opting out of transportation complete this [Covid-19 Registration Form](#). Families can opt out of transportation now and can opt back in at a later date after school has started.
- If you have had a change in address or other pick up/drop off locations since the last school year, we ask that you also complete this [Permanent Change Form](#) in its entirety . This should be completed by August 22nd through [Hoglund Transportation's website](#) (or the links above). If you do not have internet access, please call them at 763-295-3604 and they will be happy to assist you.
- **All transportation changes close on August 22nd and will remain closed until September 13th. Please complete your transportation documents by August 22nd. This will ensure a smooth start to our upcoming school year. All changes will be made in the order they are received.**

By completing transportation homework by August 22nd, along with any opt-in registration forms by August 16, you will provide us valuable insight to continue planning for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Eric Olson
Superintendent of Monticello Public Schools