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October 26, 2021

Greetings ESD 159 Families,

Great News!!! Along with the American Bus Company, we have been working on a plan to address the busing crisis affecting our schools. The plan includes steps to ensure all students are home before dark as we move into Daylight Savings Time.

Therefore, effective November 1, 2021:

- All Colin Powell PM routes will be adjusted to accommodate removing waves from CPMS (all drivers will run single routes).
- No longer will buses arrive to the elementary schools from Tinley Park and Frankfort. Elementary schools will receive buses from CPMS only.
- Colin Powell's schedule will be adjusted to accommodate a 10 minutes adjustment. Buses will depart from Colin Powell at 2:15 (as opposed to 2:25).
- Following the CPMS routes, buses will go directly to the Elementary Schools and should arrive by 3:10pm.
- Elementary routes will be revised to drop off students living the closest to the school first. They will then wave back to the elementary schools to pick up the remaining students. Woodgate and Sieden Prairie are the only schools having a second wave right now. We are still investigating how to remove all waves at the elementary school.
- All routes are estimated to be completed by approximately 4:10pm.
- Notification and updated routes will be sent home on Wednesday, October 27th.
- We will host a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, October 28th @ 6:00pm.

We are asking parents who are currently providing transportation to continue. We are still operating with only half of our allocated routes. Due to the crisis, we have been reduced from 21 down to 10 buses operating District-wide.

Thank you for patience and understanding as we continue to navigate through this crisis. If you have addition questions or concern, feel free to contact The Department of Student Service at 708-720-1300.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools