

DAILY TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Dear Coatesville Area School District,

We are continuing to make progress on our transportation challenges, and want to provide another daily update:

- We know our parents, students, and staff are eager for a date by which we can return students to hybrid instruction. We want to be completely sure that every detail has been verified and that our schedules are completely accurate and viable before we provide a date and will do so as soon as possible.
- Our transportation consultant is working around the clock with our transportation department to ensure we can provide solutions and that every child has bus transportation to and from school. That work will continue this weekend.
- We have improved and strengthened our call center to ensure that calls from parents do not go unanswered.
- We continue working to restore appropriate transportation to our CASD special education students who are already learning in person, and whose transportation was incorrectly changed last week. We expect to have an update soon.
- We continue to work closely and daily with Krapf Bus on solutions.

A few notes for our families regarding virtual learning:

- Next Wednesday, and every Wednesday that we are in virtual learning mode, will become an asynchronous day in which students can work at their own pace. Our principals will remind students and parents of this next week.
- Students should continue to log into their classes using CANVAS. In anticipation of returning to a hybrid model, we transitioned to our in-person schedule. However, we understand this will entail much more screen time for our elementary students. As a result, starting Monday elementary students will revert to their virtual schedule. Secondary students will continue to follow an in-person schedule. Schedules are posted on the Home Access Center for secondary students.

Some families have asked why we are not allowing in-person instruction for families who are able to provide their own transportation. Our Administration and School Board discussed this issue and feels this would present significant equity issues. In surveys, about 70% of our parents have said they rely on bus transportation.

As promised, we will continue to update our families each day this week on our transportation solutions. We are working as quickly as we can to provide a return to in-person instruction and are eager to see our students back in our buildings. We are deeply sorry for this situation and are doing all we can to correct it.

Sincerely,

Tomas Hanna, Superintendent