



REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

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November 15, 2022

Dear Raider Families,

As I have previously shared, we have had two teams working non-stop to find solutions to our transportation challenges; one team works on the day-to-day operations of bus routing and staffing, while the other team has been working on longer-term solutions to help us create plans for the remainder of the school year. Although last week's updated guidance from the Ohio Department of Education about remote learning provided additional information to us, it did not change how we were working to solve the problems related to our transportation challenges. As we have expressed, we have never been satisfied with a remote learning rotation; we simply had no other short-term options within the constraints of laws and guidance without losing significant transportation funding, which calculates at over \$16,000 per day for our District.

We have been working since early last week with our legal counsel, staff and partners to share and finalize potential longer-term solutions to get us through the rest of the school year. This week, thanks to the support from our staff, the Reynoldsburg Education Association and Reynoldsburg School Support Association, we have been able to finalize details for the plans we are sharing with you today.

First, the remote learning schedule for the remainder of November and December is listed below this letter. Thank you for your patience as we have worked through a variety of college class schedules, testing schedules and A/B schedules for our high school students. We also tried to make a schedule that equally distributes remote learning days for the remainder of the calendar year, which is why some students may see different remote learning days than they are used to.

Secondly, we will be adding another tier to our four-tier bussing schedule when we return from winter break in January. This new schedule will allow all students to have full-time, in-person learning. In order to add a 5th tier of bussing, the start and end times for **seven schools** will be adjusted **beginning January 3, 2023 and continuing for the remainder of the school year**. Please note, the student start and end times at the high school campuses will have slight adjustments but high schools will not be changing bussing tiers.

Schools with new start/end times:

Hannah Ashton Middle School

New student start time: 8:45 a.m.

New student end time: 3:15 p.m.

French Run Elementary, Taylor Road Elementary, Waggoner Road Junior High School

New student start time: 9:45 a.m.

New student end time: 4:15 p.m.

Reynoldsburg High School-Livingston

New student start time: 8:45 a.m.

New student end time: 3:15 p.m.

Reynoldsburg High School-Summit

New student start time: 7:10 a.m.

New student end time: 1:40 p.m.

Morning Preschool

New student start time: 9:45 a.m.

New student end time: 12:35 p.m.

Afternoon Preschool

New student start time: 1:25 p.m.

New student end time: 4:15 p.m.

Although we considered a variety of options for longer-term solutions to our transportation challenges, the 5-tier option was the best option due to the following reasons:

- It allows all students to be back in school full time 5 days a week, with transportation, compared to other options we considered.
- It has the least impact on our staff and families out of all of the options we considered.
- It allows us to use existing staff, plus new hires, to accommodate all student bussing needs.
- It gives relief to our drivers who have been picking up extra routes for months.
- It is within the constraints of the law and guidance from ODE.

We are working with our athletic department to adjust any practice and game times that may be impacted by these changes.

Third, pending board approval at tonight's board of education meeting, we will be changing the rest of the previously scheduled asynchronous learning/PD days to regular student learning days to make up for the remote learning days we have had. The dates previously scheduled as asynchronous learning/PD days were **February 1, 2023 and March 2, 2023. Students will now attend school on these days.**

Despite these upcoming changes, we are continuing recruiting efforts to hire additional bus drivers so that we have plenty of drivers for when our new schedule begins. I appreciate the extra effort our drivers continue to provide students, including stepping up to drive additional routes daily.

Finally, I want to personally thank all of the parents and students who have emailed me, called me, come in to meet with me one-on-one, and who have come to our community conversation meetings to share concerns, ideas and insights. Because of these parents:

- We have made all transportation hiring a centralized process from the time a job is posted, until the time the new staff member is approved by the board of education for employment.
- We discovered glitches in our calling system related to the sync and set up in PowerSchool, and now we have all bus routes added correctly in the system so that if buses will be late, we have an accurate list of who to contact.
- We will be rolling out an app that allows parents to track their child's bus.
- We have continued to provide daily transportation updates on our website.
- We have added a banner to the website to share which schools will be on remote learning for the day and we have also added notifications to the ReynSchools app.
- We have created a template for principals to use to communicate remote learning to parents.

I am grateful so many parents and members of our community are coming together to help us improve our internal systems, processes and procedures. It is important to remember that each one of us is working to support the children in our schools, and we are much more powerful when we are working together on one accord peacefully, gracefully and respectfully, rather than allowing challenges to divide our community. I know the remote learning schedule has put a strain on our Raider Families. Thank you for understanding and support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jocelyn Cosgrave
Interim Superintendent
Reynoldsburg City Schools

Remote learning rotation for November 21-December 16, 2022

Monday, November 21, 2022	Tuesday, November 22, 2022
French Run Elementary School	Herbert Mills STEAM Elementary School
Hannah Ashton Middle School	Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)
Slate Ridge Elementary School	Summit Road Elementary School
STEM Middle at Baldwin Road	Waggoner Road Middle School
Waggoner Road Junior High School	

Monday, November 28, 2022	Tuesday, November 29, 2022	Wednesday, November 30, 2022	Thursday, December 1, 2022	Friday, December 2, 2022
French Run Elementary School	Herbert Mills STEAM Elementary School	Hannah Ashton Middle School	French Run Elementary School	Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)
Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)	Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)	Herbert Mills STEAM Elementary School	Hannah Ashton Middle School	STEM Middle at Baldwin Road
Slate Ridge Elementary School	STEM Middle at Baldwin Road	Rose Hill Elementary School	Slate Ridge Elementary School	Summit Road Elementary School
STEM Middle at Baldwin Road	Summit Road Elementary School	Taylor Road Elementary School	Waggoner Road Junior High School	Taylor Road Elementary School
		Waggoner Road Junior High School	Waggoner Road Middle School	
		Waggoner Road Middle School		

Monday, December 5, 2022	Tuesday, December 6, 2022	Wednesday, December 7, 2022	Thursday, December 8, 2022	Friday, December 9, 2022
French Run Elementary School	Hannah Ashton Middle School	Herbert Mills STEAM Elementary School	French Run Elementary School	Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)
Hannah Ashton Middle School	Herbert Mills STEAM Elementary School	STEM Middle at Baldwin Road	Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)	Rose Hill Elementary School
Slate Ridge Elementary School	Summit Road Elementary School	Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)	Slate Ridge Elementary School	Summit Road Elementary School
Waggoner Road Junior High School	Waggoner Road Junior High School	Rose Hill Elementary School	STEM Middle at Baldwin Road	Waggoner Road Middle School
Waggoner Road Middle School	Waggoner Road Middle School	Taylor Road Elementary School		

Monday, December 12, 2022	Tuesday, December 13, 2022	Wednesday, December 14, 2022	Thursday, December 15, 2022	Friday, December 16, 2022
French Run Elementary School	Herbert Mills STEAM Elementary School	Hannah Ashton Middle School	French Run Elementary School	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day
Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)	Reynoldsburg High School (both campuses)	Herbert Mills STEAM Elementary School	Hannah Ashton Middle School	
STEM Middle at Baldwin Road	STEM Middle at Baldwin Road	Rose Hill Elementary School	Slate Ridge Elementary School	
Slate Ridge Elementary School	Summit Road Elementary School	Taylor Road Elementary School	Waggoner Road Junior High School	
		Waggoner Road Junior High School	Waggoner Road Middle School	
		Waggoner Road Middle School		