

## **2017-18 Partner School Bussing FAQ's**

### **Are more busses needed with the partner schools?**

- No, the number of busses needed for the partner schools is similar to the previous year
- The partner school routing provides load-balancing efficiencies over previous elementary routes
- The need for the 4K shuttles is eliminated
- Overall bussing costs are projected to be similar to the 2016-17 bussing costs

### **Are school start times, end times, and early release times changing next year?**

- No, there are no changes
- Start time is 8:47, end time is 3:45
- Early release is 2:3

### **What time will morning busses be dropping off students at the partner schools?**

- Busses will make a stop at each partner school with an 8:30 drop off at the first partner school and 8:40 at the second partner school

### **Are afternoon route times increasing with the partner schools?**

- Some route times may be increasing but the overall maximum ride times are similar to last year
- The first round of busses will leave the first partner school at 3:52 (this is 7 minutes after the 3:45 dismissal). The buses will arrive at the second partner school around 3:57 and then leave the second partner school by 4:02
- The longest route time for BF/RS is 44 minutes with the final drop off at 4:31 (route time is calculated from the time the bus leaves the first partner school to drive to the second partner school)
- The longest route time for SL/VV is 45 minutes with the final drop off at 4:32 (these routes include the southern-most areas of Menomonee Falls and Butler)
- Route times are calculated with stop times, speed limits below posted, average traffic volume, so actual route times may be less than what is shown above

### **Why are the school start times the same for both partner schools?**

- Having the same start and end times for partner schools provides bussing and parent pick up efficiencies in that half of the busses and parent traffic will be at each school at a time

### **Are walk zones changing for any of the schools?**

- No, the walk zones are not changing

### **What daycares are bussed from each school?**

- 4K Wrap-Around child care (SL and BF) and KIDS INC before and after school child care options are available at all partner schools. 4K Wrap-Around and KIDS INC questions can be directed to: Candice Southcott at (262) 255-8460
- Parents may request that the partner school, rather than the home school, be used for KIDS INC. Please contact Candice Southcott at (262) 255-8460 for more information
- Other daycares may have transportation available – please reference the 4K and Daycare FAQ for details on available bussed options for your school

### **What if I have one or more children at each partner school and one of my children is in a walk zone?**

- Your children may walk together to the nearest school. The school may be considered the bus stop for the child eligible for bussing
- The child being bussed must be at the school at 8:30. There will be a designated area for your child to wait for the bus
- Families in this situation will receive direct communication from the District on bussing and drop-off options
- The family must complete a **BUS STOP CHANGE REQUEST FORM - (ELEMENTARY PARTNER SCHOOL ONLY)** in advance. This form is available on the District website (under Transportation). Three business days are required for the approval for the bus stop change. This change should only be made by families wanting the school as the permanent bus stop (until changed with a new Bus Stop Change Request Form)

### **If I have children attending both partner schools, can I drop off at one of the schools and then have my child bussed to the other school?**

- To provide flexibility to families, we will allow either partner school to be a drop off zone for families and then provide a bus ride to the child's school (parents would need to apply for non-mandated parent-paid transportation if the child being shuttled is not eligible for transportation).
- The child being bussed must be at the school at 8:30. There will be a designated area for your child to wait for the bus
- The family must complete a **BUS STOP CHANGE REQUEST FORM - (ELEMENTARY PARTNER SCHOOL ONLY)** in advance. This form is available on the District website (under Transportation). Three business days are required for the approval for the bus stop change. This change should only be made by families wanting the school as the permanent bus stop (until changed with a new Bus Stop Change Request Form)