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Family Transportation Supports Update

Dear Lincoln High School Community,

We understand and sincerely regret the impact that school bus route cancellation is having on students and families. Our rationale in selecting these particular routes to suspend (8 serving Lincoln and 5 serving Benson) is based on our decision to prioritize younger students and students receiving Special Education services. Additionally, Benson and Lincoln, were the only two PPS high schools receiving bus route service. Students at the other district high schools do not have bus service.

We have explored a number of options to provide relief and support to those of you impacted by the route cancellations. We are deeply committed to making sure students have transportation to school and have created the Family Transportation Supports program, detailed here.

PPS to offer \$300/month to families impacted by long-term canceled bus routes

Families impacted by the cancellation of thirteen bus routes for the foreseeable future (5 routes serving Benson HS and 8 routes serving LHS) are eligible for a \$300 monthly transportation support to cover costs of alternative modes of transportation to and from school and/or parking. This funding will be available to these families through the end of the school year or until we are able to restart school bus routes on a more regular basis. Note that eligibility for this funding will be determined monthly by PPS and is only available to families of students assigned to these routes:

Canceled Routes: 22, 24, 25, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34

If your student is registered on one of these routes you are eligible and you will receive a unique survey to the primary email listed in the student's school records on Monday September 27.

If you have immediate questions we have a Family Transportation Supports webpage linked from the [PPS Transportation page](#) or please contact familytransportation@pps.net.

Parking and Park-to-Ride Options

We have identified two parking options and list a park-to-ride option for MAX light rail riders:

City Center Parking: 20 stalls
SW 13th and SW Salmon, Lot #348

\$252/month
503.221.1666

PP&R/Zoo: 220 stalls
4001 SW Canyon Road, Lot C
First come - First served
\$8/day - use [Parking Kitty](#) app

Sunset Transit Center Park & Ride, 589 spaces (fills up by 7:30 am)
10470 SW Barnes Rd, Beaverton, OR
For MAX light rail riders

Carpool to School (CTS) App for Families

In order to provide additional ways for families to arrange transportation for students, PPS is making the software (web and mobile) application Carpool to School (CTS) available to Lincoln families during this school bus route disruption. carpooltoschool.com/

The Carpool to School (CTS) app provides a platform for users to set up carpools with other users. Families may opt-in to become part of this network of parents/guardians participating to create carpools. There is no cost to families. While carpooling can be a great option, PPS wants families to understand how this app works. When prospective users register for CTS PPS will receive a notification and then verify whether the prospective user has a student(s) at the school. **Families will receive an email on Monday, September 27 with instructions on how to access the Carpool to School registration process.**

PPS Staff members may also participate on the app and for those staff members, PPS will follow its procedures as outlined in the following [administrative directive](#). PPS' role is to verify users based on information that we have; the specifics of car pool arrangements are the responsibility of the users.

Families should understand and be comfortable that:

- Neither PPS nor CTS are conducting background checks on users (drivers) using the app. Families are solely responsible for evaluating and selecting those with whom they will carpool.
- Neither PPS nor CTS are verifying driving records, drivers license status, car safety features or car insurance information. CTS allows drivers under the age of 18 with a valid driver's license and consent from their parent/guardian.

PPS will not set up or manage any carpool arrangements.

PPS will verify users based on the student's school records. If families need to update those records, please contact familytransportation@pps.net.

Please note that while PPS is making Carpool to School available, use of the app and participation in the carpools that result are at the discretion of families. Carpool to School operates separately from the district and is not run by the district. PPS does not manage or monitor app users/carpool participants.

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