



## EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS

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To: Dr. Josh Swanson, Superintendent  
From: Shawn Hoffman-Bram, Executive Director of Community Education  
Re: Naming of Spaces

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Through the recent allocation of ESSER funds we were approved for a mobile classroom project. This project includes the retrofitting and customization of a traditional school bus into a mobile classroom/project space. Community Education has researched other similar projects around the country and has developed a vision for how this bus can service our families and our residents within the Eden Prairie community.

The bus is currently being developed complete with a service window, running water, awnings, refrigeration, technology projection and charging stations, multiuse seating and tabling, supply storage and finally lighting and sound both interior and exterior of the bus. The delivery of the bus is expected by late June/early July of 2023.

Programs are anticipated to begin the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, where the bus will be located at various community events to pass out information about our school programs and allow people to tour the bus, visiting neighborhoods throughout the summer to deliver various enrichment programs and food if needed, and outreach services from our early childhood staff to families that are challenged with transportation. Many more programs are currently being developed for the future.

In the spring of 2023, Community Education conducted a department wide contest to name the bus. A list of brainstormed names became available to all staff from which they voted for their top choice. Overwhelmingly, the name Eagle Express rose to the top. This name will be featured in marketing materials and on the exterior of the bus consistent with other branding within the school district.

We are asking for your approval of the name *"Eagle Express"* for this mobile classroom project.

Naming of spaces comes forward as a recommendation for approval under EL 2.7.11 – Furthermore, the Superintendent shall not: Allow anyone other than the School Board to name facilities, schools, classrooms, or spaces within the district.