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Preliminary Enrollment Update

Date: 10.1.21



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OUR UNIFIED DISTRICT VISION

Our mission is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.

Understanding Student Count versus ADM

Student Count

- Used for staffing allocations
- Determines numbers of students in classes

Average Daily Membership

- Used to determine revenue
- Students Count x proportion of year attended x weighting

Bright Spots

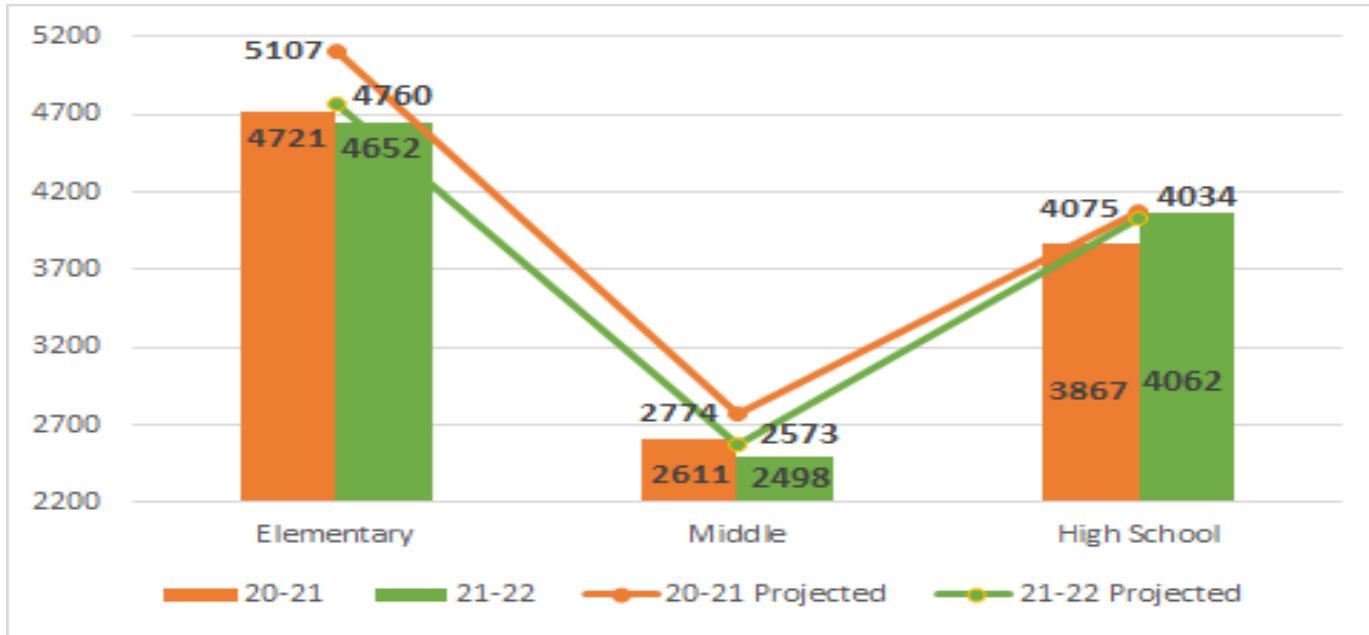
- Increases in enrollment at transition grades
 - RVA
 - Cooper High School
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Student Count

- 12082 Students enrolled in all programs
 - 908 EC-PK
 - 4643 Elementary
 - 2460 Middle School
 - 4071 High School
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Student Count



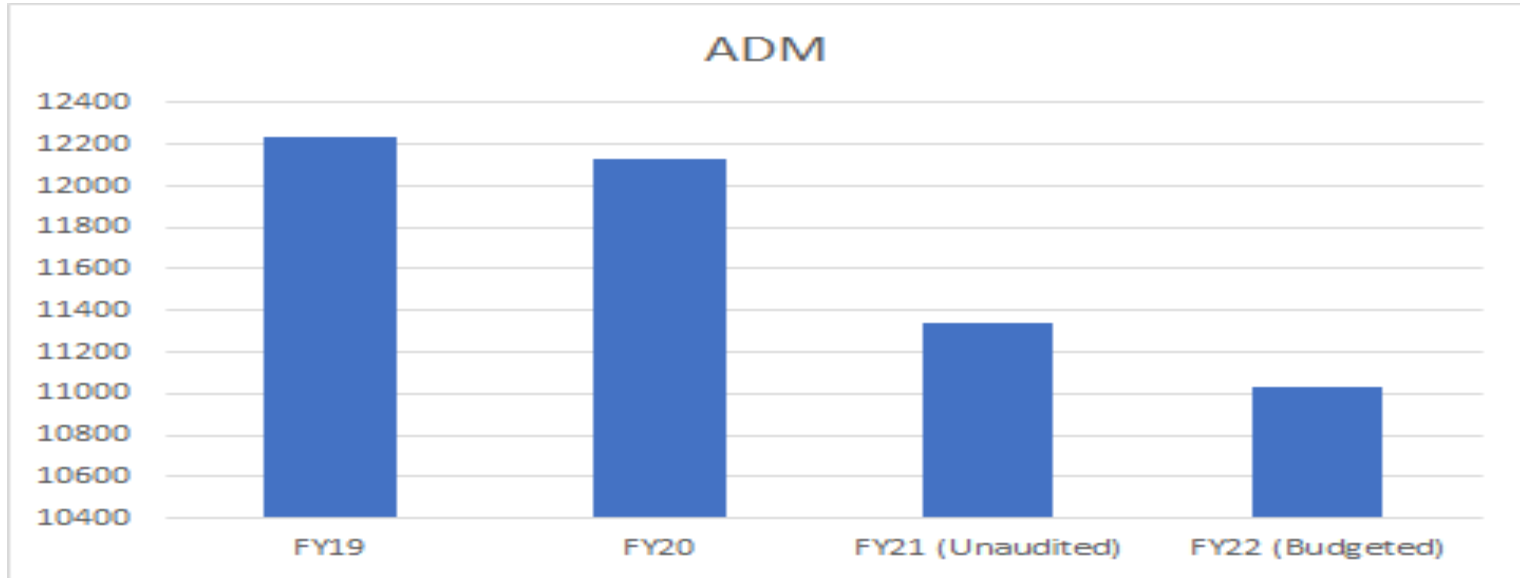
ADM

- **11036 ADM's budgeted in ECSE and K-12 programs**
 - **81 ECSE**
 - **No VPK**
 - **568 Kindergarten**
 - **2361 Grades 1-3**
 - **2334 Grades 4-6**
 - **5692 Grades 7-12**
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Historical ADM



ADM

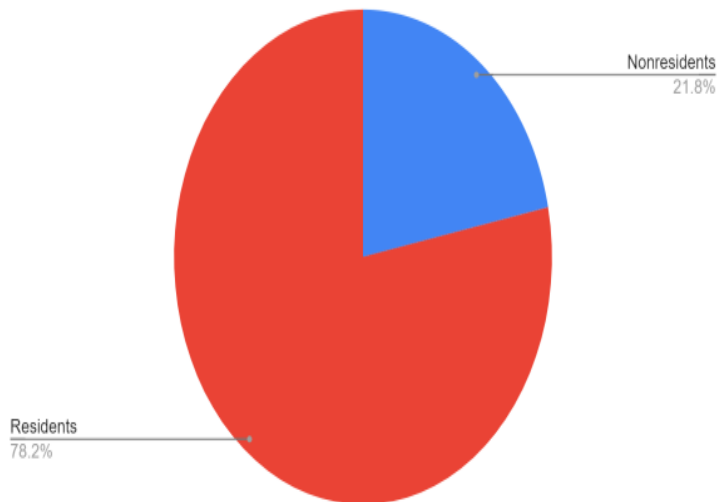
- Budgeted ADM for FY22 was lower than estimated headcount (more conservative)
 - Assumed no VPK Funding
 - Strength in grades K, 1, 6, 9 and 12
 - Will be adjusted with revised budget
 - Updating estimates after the drop period has expired
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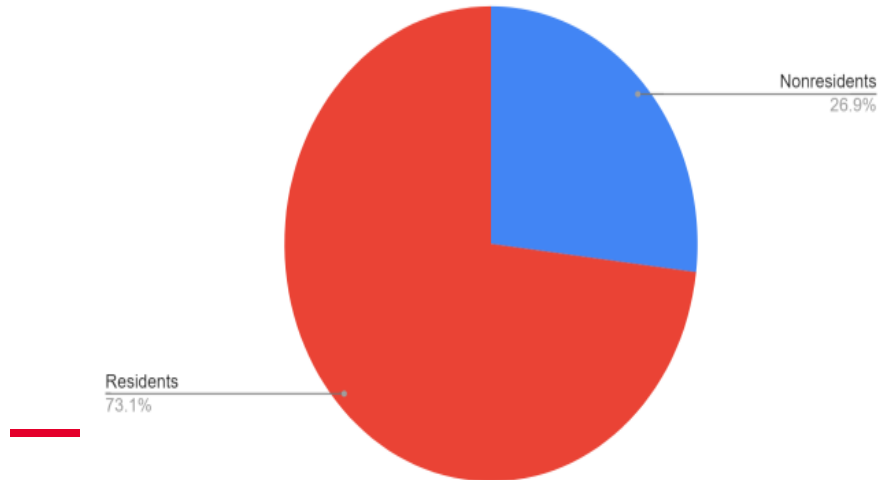
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RVA Enrollment

RVA Elementary

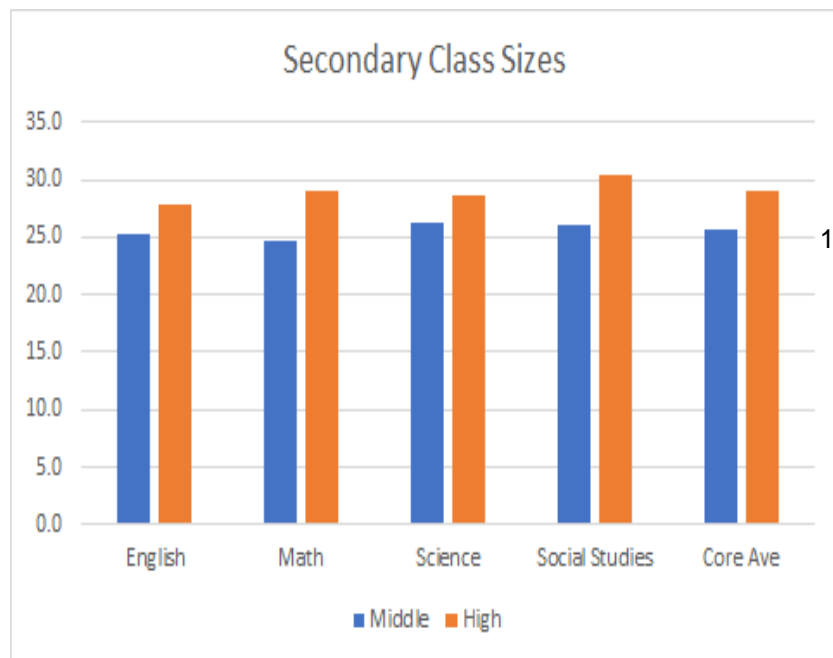
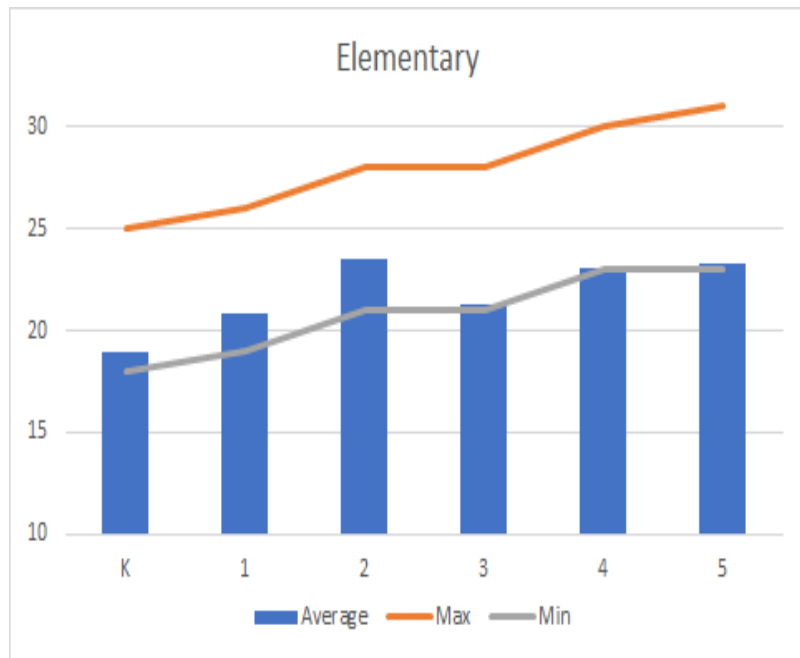


RVA Secondary





Class Sizes





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Questions?



ADOPTING A ROBBINSDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESOLUTION REQUIRING ALL STAFF EITHER TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 OR TO SUBMIT TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COVID-19 TESTING

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) determined that the COVID-19 pandemic is currently ongoing and may remain ongoing for an unknown amount to time; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible students as well as teachers, staff, and household members is the most critical strategy to help schools safely resume full operations;” and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, “vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. People who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are at low risk of symptomatic or severe infection. A growing body of evidence suggests that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are less likely to become infected and develop symptoms and are at substantially reduced risk from severe illness and death from COVID-19 compared with unvaccinated people”; and

WHEREAS, according to the State of Minnesota, “staff who access the workplace or provide public service outside of their homes on behalf of an agency without vaccination pose a particular risk of COVID-19 exposure to themselves, their colleagues, and to members of the public. Additionally, ongoing community transmission of the more transmissible Delta variant of COVID-19 in Minnesota, especially among unvaccinated individuals, presents a continuous risk of infection;” and

WHEREAS, the federal government, the State of Minnesota, have all made the decision to require their employees to either be vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit to COVID-19 testing on a frequent, regularly scheduled basis; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, subd. 1, the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 281 has the “general charge of the business of the district, the school houses, and of the interests of the schools thereof”; and

WHEREAS, that the Board of Directors of School District 281 hereby directs and grants necessary authorization to the Superintendent to implement the following work rule no later than January 1.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent concludes that requiring all staff either to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or to submit to regular COVID-19 testing is in the best interests of the School District, its students, its staff, and the communities it serves.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Superintendent of Independent School District No. 281 Robbinsdale Area Schools:

1. The Superintendent requires either:

a. All current staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and to provide acknowledgment of full vaccination in the manner designated by Human Resources starting January 1, 2022. or

b. All staff who remain unvaccinated, are not fully vaccinated, and/or have not provided acknowledgment of full vaccination as detailed above to submit to mandatory COVID-19 testing at least one time per week.

Satisfactory verification of compliance with the COVID-19 testing requirement will be designated by Human Resources.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent shall provide the Board with regular updates on progress of this directive and any recommendations for further action necessary to support its successful implementation.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that this directive shall remain in place until rescinded, replaced, or made obsolete by other local, state, or federal law or regulation.

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Transportation Update and Options

2021-22 School Year



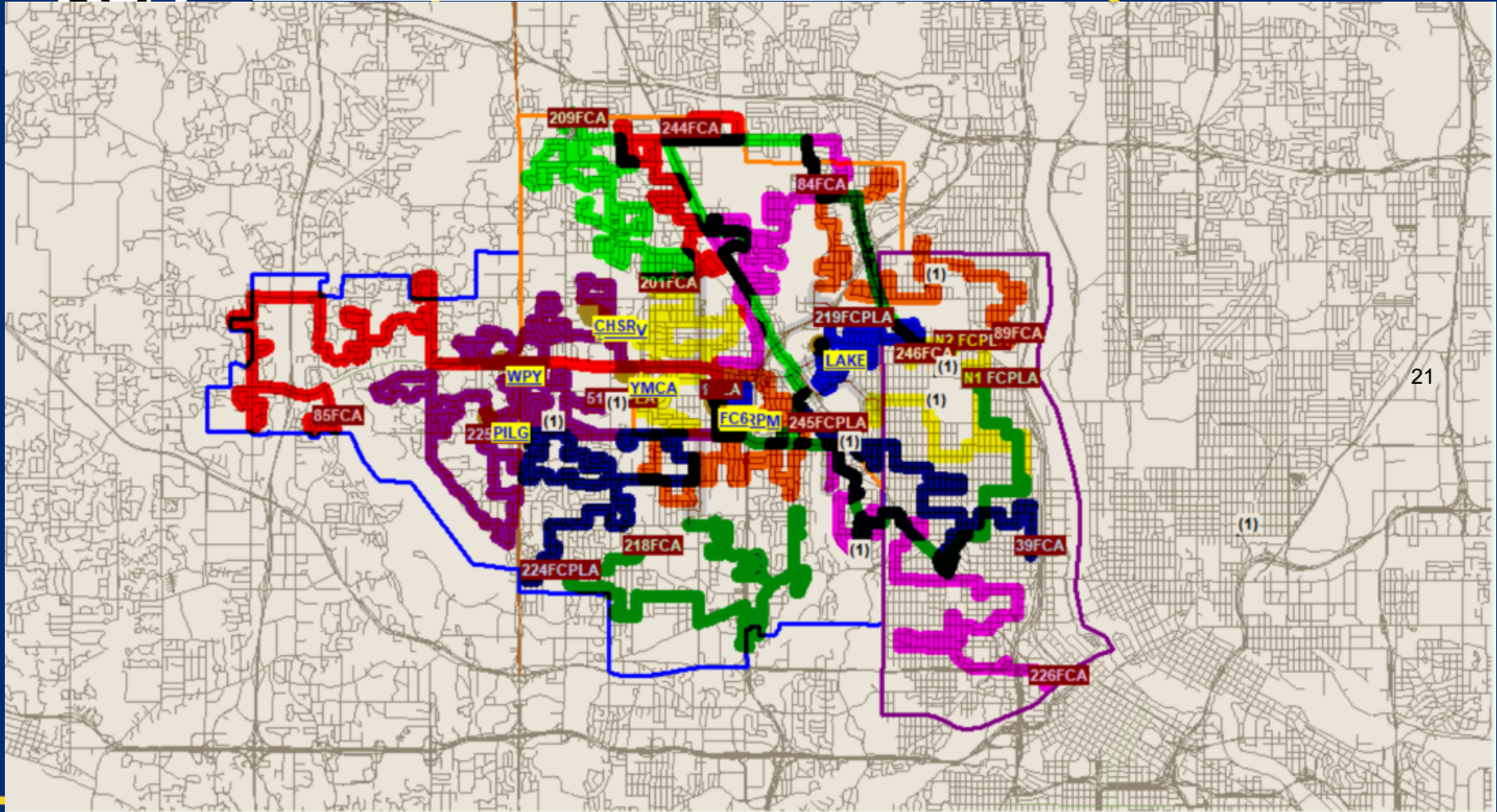
COOPER HIGH SCHOOL

Current State

1. We have a 67 route system down from the 86 routes we had 2 years ago
1. We route all eligible students that are outside the walk zones
2. We provide all special education transport through Type III (6-10 passenger vans) subcontractors.
3. 55 routes have a driver assigned
4. 12 routes, serving 1,486 students, do not have a bus driver
5. Every day we struggle to fill absentee drivers on the 55 routes that we can run
6. Approx 50% of athletics and activity buses are running
7. We transport all district non-pub and charter school students that need transportation as well

Transportation System Facts

1. Routing buses for 11,000 students takes approximately 4-6 weeks of intense work using up to date locational information for all students
2. This depends on Infinite Campus feeding correct information to Versatrans
3. Drivers need to practice their routes and stops for 2-3 days before having the familiarity needed to run an actual school day
4. We have 35-40 average number of athletic events each week, Tuesday and Thursday daily average is 9-14 trips.



School Bus Driver Licensing

- Steps include:
 - Physical exam and application review
 - Drug test and screening
 - Background motor vehicle operation record check
 - 1 week of classroom training
 - 3 weeks to get your permit
 - 2 weeks minimum practice time
 - 19% statewide passage rate for first-time test takers
 - Total time needed is about 2 months

Opt-Out Transportation System

1. A system that is built on families being able to choose NOT to have busing for their students
2. Anyone wanting or needing transportation would receive it
3. Estimates from past operations like this suggest we would reduce the number of students by 20%
4. Each route that we reduce our system by saves us @\$50,000 per year
5. We already reduced 19 routes from the last full school year we operated for a savings of approximately 1 Million.
6. Savings could be used to purchase buses and vans
7. This would create flexibility in providing athletic and additional transportation options for our ~~students~~

Opt-Out Transportation System

Benefits Include:

1. Increased safety for students and staff as each route has a set number of students known to the drivers and schools that does not change daily
2. Efficient routes save time and fuel

Opt-Out Transportation System

1. Potential consequences
 - a. Less capacity in the system for unexpected enrollment or other transportation needs
 - b. Parents may want to change their minds when routes have already been created and trained for

Process to Implement an Opt Out Transportation System

1. Develop a questionnaire for families that allows them to opt out of transportation
2. Update the information in [Infinite Campus](#)
3. Create routes based on responses that indicate that they will actually be using the bus
4. Select staff per route and practice/test the system for any issues
5. Communicate to parents the expectations going forward
6. Create a start date for implementation, currently working toward the start of second semester, January 22, 2022.

Summary

1. Current system is down 20% of the drivers needed and while we are training new drivers every week, we have been replacing out of state drivers as we go
2. Currently everyone eligible in Robbinsdale Schools gets put on a bus route, as if they were taking the bus every day, regardless of whether they actually do or not
3. We have optimized and will continue to make as many efficiencies and improvements in our system as possible
4. This current difficulty of too few drivers for our transportation system is not going to go away. If we don't make system-wide changes we will be in a similar situation next school year



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Thanks,

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