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A Message to Grant School District #3 Students and Families

The Covid-19 pandemic really brought some changes to the way our District Transportation Department was able to operate. Student transportation was subject to mandates such as masks, social distancing, sanitizing after each run and maintaining student cohorts in order to have busing for our students. Agree or disagree with the mandates and requirements handed down to us by the State of Oregon and Oregon Department of Education, we complied in order to provide transportation and get your students back in school. Moving forward we have some relief with the lifting of the mask mandate, however the District is still required to be able to identify cohorts in the event of exposure to Covid. We have found particularly with student transportation, that the protocol of assigning students to one bus for AM and PM actually has increased the safety and efficiency of our operations. With this in mind the Transportation Department, in the interest of safety and efficiency, have made the following protocols a permanent part of our Department's operations:

1. We will continue sanitizing our buses after each run using the cleaning agents that have been found to eliminate 99.9% of germs and viruses. While this is in addition to our normal cleaning and sweeping of buses, it has been found to increase the safety of the bus environment.
2. Students will remain assigned to the same bus for transportation in the AM and PM. Students will be allowed to change their assigned bus only due to moving to a new residence. This change may take place without the requirement of quarantining for a week prior to the move. Maintaining this protocol keeps the integrity of our transportation cohorts and will continue to increase the safety of our students.
3. Bus drivers will continue to maintain a Daily Log each day for both their AM and PM runs. This will contain an accurate student list of riders on the bus each day. This practice has also proven to be very helpful for our sub drivers by allowing them to know who is on the bus.

Maintaining these protocols will ensure a safe start for the next year as well as complying with the requirements of the State and Oregon Department of Education. Enjoy the rest of the year and have a wonderful summer.

Grant School District #3 Transportation Department

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