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Dear Buchanan Community,

I'm writing you this letter on the eve of Spring Break to say Thank You! This past year has been a difficult one. With all the changes in our individual lives, school life, and in the Transportation Department, you hung in there. The reduction of a route, longer than usual ride times, social distancing, wearing masks, it can be frustrating. As the New Director of Transportation it is my duty to ensure all our students are safe, get to and from school in a timely manner, and to provide the best possible transportation experience for everyone.

That being said, I have some exciting news. During the last marking period, we will be piloting new software, a new student ID scan system, and parent App. Please stay tuned for more information as it comes. Last but certainly not least, **On April 12, 2021 we are introducing a new route called Maroon.** This route will ease congestion within the system and reduce riding times on some of the routes. **The routes that are affected will be Pink, Orange and Red.**

Please go to the Buchanan Community Schools website <u>www.buchananschools.com</u> CLICK on Parents tab and CLICK on Transportation tab. There you will find the stops and new Pickup and Drop times for the PINK, ORANGE, RED, and MAROON Routes.

- Please keep in mind that this will be the first day, and possibly adjustments will need to be made.
- Please be at your stop 5 minutes before scheduled pickup time to ensure you catch the bus.

Enjoy your Spring Break, stay safe, aware, and healthy. We'll see you on April 12th.

Sincerely Mahlon Williams Director of Transportation