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Dear Buchanan Community Schools Families,

I'm excited to share with you news regarding Student ID scans for bus transportation. During summer school we will be piloting student ID scans. I'm asking for your help in this process. On Monday, June 28th during class, we will be handing out temporary IDs to students who ride the summer school buses. I ask that you gently care and keep track of these IDs as they can be easily destroyed. During Monday's take home routes we will start the pilot program. Tuesday morning and moving forward we will scan the students on and off the bus for the duration for summer school. This pilot test will set us up for the start of the 2021-22 school year.

This program will allow us to know if students are on the bus, where they got off, and to track their attendance. It's in our hopes that it will also allow us to roll out the Here Comes the Bus app, and parents can track the bus and their student.

We are excited about the new direction that the Buchanan Transportation department is going, and I hope you will ride along with us. I ask that you be patient, and work with us as we implement new programs, policies and procedures.

In addition, we are changing some of the drop off times and stops. The buses are running early, as the system is running more smoothly. Attached you will find new drop off times for the routes.

Kind Regards, Mahlon G. Williams Director of Transportation.