

Good morning District and School Administrators,

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The Statewide Transportation program has received direction from the RI Department of Education to make internal bus stop adjustments to the Statewide transportation program providing service to Private, Parochial, Charter and Vocational students (PCCT Students).

Currently students are assigned to either a neighborhood bus stops or a depot bus stop. **Beginning on the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year ALL PCCT students will be assigned to depot stops.**

This change to the use of all depot stops will allow the consolidation of 20+ bus routes. Those bus vendor resources will then be reassigned to create transportation solutions for Rhode Island's most vulnerable population of diverse learner and ESSA students and to combat service interruptions that occurred during the past two school years.

The Statewide Team is taking the following steps to inform all stakeholders of these bus stop changes taking effect in the 2022-2023 school year:

- Attached is a student list for your school and/or district that includes the new transportation information for each student projected to use a depot stop for 2022-2023
- Parent letters informing them of the depot stop change will be mailed as part of Statewide's open enrollment communication plan beginning May 1, 2022
- The Statewide Transportation website will be updated alerting all parents at time of enrollment of the depot stop change
- The Statewide office will complete several call alert reminders to all families throughout open enrollment reminding parents of the routing changes for the 2022-2023.

***To ensure a smooth transition for your district, schools, and families your assistance with communicating this depot stop change is requested. The Rhode Island Department of Education and the statewide team ask that you include information about the Statewide Transportation's depot stop routing structure in your open 2022-2023 open enrollment planning to ensure all families can plan and adapt to this change.***

Please feel free to reach out to the Statewide team via email at [swplanningrequest@ride.ri.gov](mailto:swplanningrequest@ride.ri.gov) or by calling the office at 401-304-9136 between 6:30am and 5:30pm Monday-Friday.

We appreciate any assistance your office provides the Statewide families as we make this transition to depot stops which will ensure all students who qualify for a Statewide bus have active, efficient bus service.

Kind Regards,

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