

# **Rosthern Community School**

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Good afternoon RCS families!

As we start off the month of October, we want to pass on a few key updates – some are COVID-related, and others relate to things we are learning about operating our new building.

### **BUS LOOP**

The bus loop area is quite congested after school, and unfortunately buses have a lot of "blind spots" for drivers. To help keep everyone safe, we are adding some additional sidewalks and a permanent security fence. In addition, we are asking that:

- If families park on 4<sup>th</sup> Street next to the bus loop, **please do not walk through the bus loop** to get to the school. Instead, use the sidewalks to go around.
- We would encourage families to park east or west of the bus loop so that students don't run across it.

We will continue to dismiss bus students a few minutes early so that buses can leave ASAP at the end of the day.

### LOCKERS

New PSSD guidelines allow our students to use lockers! Each student from grades 4-12 has been assigned a locker and given a school-issued lock. We will ask that students still avoid bringing excess materials to school.

#### MASK POLICY

Our mask policy has not changed – students in grades 4-12 are still required to wear masks at any time when they cannot social distance by at least 2m. However, our teachers are finding ways for students to take mask breaks:

- Spending time outside or in common spaces where kids can be separated.
- Creating "mask-free" zones in classrooms.
- Splitting grade groups into two smaller sections to allow for 2m spacing.

Thanks to all families for your continued support!

## DRESSING FOR CHANGING WEATHER

We know that this beautiful fall weather likely won't last forever. As winter starts to arrive, please make sure that students are bringing necessary clothing items to school – they may still be required to go outside for recess, at lunch hour, or during physical education class.

As always, please feel free to contact us for more information! We hope that everyone has a great October.

Mr. Mitch Luiten & Mrs. Andrea Foster