

IS YOUR BUSING AT RISK?

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The RCSD is considering eliminating transportation to schools outside of district/city lines starting in the 2022-23 school year.

When will decision be made by RCSD Board of Education? When would the change take effect?

- In January 2022, they plan to consider the change to policy
- If approved, changes could happen in September 2022

But I heard that an RCSD official, Dr. Genelle Morris said, "If this was the route the District took, we would recommend a 'phase in' model, which would allow some students to be 'grandfathered' in to still receive transportation to the programs."

- They are only considering "grandfathering" some students. Which students will get left out? Every student should be able to attend the quality school that their family chooses
- Denying new students access to these great schools only hurts students and hurts our city

Would such a proposal actually save money?

- RCSD has not provided any data
- RCSD gets reimbursed 85-90% for this transportation. After reimbursement, the actual cost to the district is about \$206 per student
- This would not eliminate the cost to transport affected students, only change where some students would be bused
- The benefits RCSD, Rochester, and the 3500 students and their families get far outweigh the minimal cost

What can I do to convince the BOE and Superintendent to REJECT this proposal?

- Public Comment at RCSD Board Meeting on December 23 (virtual & in-person)
- Advocate to RCSD Board of Education, City Council Members, State Assembly Members, and State Senators
- Upload a video, "What happens if I lose my bus?" to <https://bit.ly/RCSD-busing> (Videos will be used for advocacy. By uploading, you consent to use for this purpose.)

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If RCSD Board of Education members do not REJECT the transportation task force recommendation to “eliminate bussing for all students enrolled in schools or programs outside of District except Special Education students attending schools/programs, as per IEPs”, Rochester parents and approximately 3,500 students will have fewer accessible quality education choices. Let's tell them RCSD and Rochester's independent, parochial, charter schools, and Urban-Suburban program are all part of the same diverse education ecosystem, striving to provide high quality educational opportunities to all students.

How to advocate for **NO CHANGE** to bussing for Rochester children attending schools outside RCSD's borders:

1. **Elevate student voices!** Create a video of your child/family answering the question: What happens if I lose my bus to school?
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2. **Make a Stand with Public Comment and with RCSD Board of Education!**
 - a. Give Public Comment (In Person or Virtual) at the December 23rd Board Meeting
 - b. Reach out to RCSD school board members by email or phone at Boardofeducation@rcsdk12.org | 585-262-8525 and to the superintendent at superintendentsoffice@rcsdk12.org | 585-262-8378
 - Van White: van.white@thelegalbrief.com
 - Cynthia Elliott: cynthiaelliott1938@yahoo.com
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 - c. Emails & phone calls by students, families, and school leaders to State Senators & State Assemblymembers, Rochester City Council members, and Malik Evans - Malik.Evans@cityofrochester.gov