Student Transportation and Student Assignment Plan Update

We’ve been holding weekly meetings with our transportation contractor to anticipate and handle all details involved with working to ensure high-quality transportation service to our families, and a smooth start to the 2018-2019 school year.

Here is a brief outline of some of the joint efforts:

- **Parent Communication**
  - Parents should receive their student’s bus schedule via mail no later than the first week of school.

- **Phone System**
  - Parents with questions are encouraged to call our Transportation hotline at 531-299-0140. Parents also can visit the Transportation Web site at: district.ops.org.

- **Staffing**
  - The Transportation Department has been collaborating with Human Resources to recruit bus drivers. STA also is providing a monthly report to OPS on the number of employees and ongoing recruitment efforts.

- **Routing Changes**
  - As part of the Student Assignment Plan, there were additional changes made for routing efficiency. They include:
    - Consolidation of Middle School/High School routes in close proximity (as necessary) (example: Bryan High/ Bryan Middle and Benson High/Monroe Middle).
    - Maximum ride time increased to up to 1 hour and 20 minutes. Some morning routes may begin at 6 a.m. (This impacts less than 200 high school and middle school students).
    - Initial detailed routing information was given to STA during the first week in May of this year and we have continued to provide them with updated routing information as our eligible families provide updated information to us about their transportation needs.
    - STA and OPS will host a preliminary bus route dry run the week before school starts on Aug. 15. This will give drivers an opportunity to become familiar with their route and address any potential concerns at that time.