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Dear RCS Parents and Families,

Welcome back! We have been very busy the past few weeks preparing for the 2022-2023 school year. The return to school this year has presented a level of anticipation and excitement that we haven't been able to fully experience the past two years. Thank you to all of you for coming out to our Bulldog Days, Open Houses and other kick off events. It has been great seeing everyone back in our schools.

The beginning of every school year can present logistical challenges as we all settle into our regular routine. I ask that we all remain patient as we implement busing routes, new class schedules, arrival-dismissal routines and lunch time procedures. It is normal that things can take a week or two to settle down and often modifications have to be made. If you have questions it is best to work through your school offices but we are here at the Administration Office to help if needed.

Here are some additional updates as we begin this school year:

Transportation-

I am grateful for the hard work of Mrs. Marshall and her staff this summer. All of our bus routes are staffed to begin the year and we are hopeful that cancellations are a thing of the past. You can find all the information on routes and times on our district webpage by clicking on the bus icon. We know that traffic congestion at our schools has been a concern the past two years between COVID concerns and route cancellations. We continue to work to find solutions to mitigate these issues but the single greatest solution is for parents to have their children ride the bus. Contact the Transportation Department if you have questions around busing. (586) 752-0267

Food Service-

You have received regular messages from Ms. Stewart, our Food Service Director over the past month explaining how the free breakfast and lunch waivers have expired. We return to the previous protocols of free and reduced lunch eligibility. Additionally, the process for paying for school meals has been restored. If you need any assistance in regard to school meals please contact the Food Service Department by email - kristin.stewart@romeok12.org.

Health and Safety-

The MCHD has updated the protocols for COVID-19 based on recent recommendations made from the CDC. The updated protocols are pretty similar to where we left off at the end of last year. The bottom line is that symptomatic and sick students need to stay home. Following these guidelines and leveraging home testing will ensure our ability to keep everyone as healthy as possible. [MCHD COVID-19 Guidelines](#)

Other Information-

- [2022 School Climate Survey Report](#). We published the summary report to parents earlier this summer but want to share this important information again for those who may have missed it. A comprehensive list of reports are available on the district website under the Inside RCS tab.
- **Strategic Planning-** Our district has postponed updating our strategic plan since the fall of 2020 due to the pandemic. We will be going through a comprehensive process this fall to create our new plan. Look for more information next month on how you can provide input to this important process.

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In closing, our annual theme for this year is “**Community**.” We are all very fortunate to have the opportunity to live and work in such a special place. The past few years have really challenged the impact of community on all of us. It is our hope that we can lead the way in making our community stronger than it has ever been. We believe that “Community” is the greatest gift we can give each other.

Thank you again for your commitment to our school district and for serving as a partner in your student’s education. We are committed to making 2022-2023 the best year yet.

Go Bulldogs!

Dr. Todd R. Robinson, Superintendent



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