



MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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"Every child. Every day. Whatever it takes."

Dexter Suggs, Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The national shortage of school bus drivers has hit home here at Merrillville Community School Corporation. Throughout the 2021-2022 school year our human resource department and transportation department have worked in collaboration in an attempt to find solutions to this major issue. We have purchased local advertisement, participated in job fairs, and increased the starting pay for our bus drivers in an attempt to recruit and hire additional drivers for the 2022-2023 school year.

At this point in time, we have determined that we cannot wait and hope that the start of the new school year, nearly two months away, will bring a major increase in the number of bus drivers we employ. Therefore, Merrillville Community School Corporation will change its schools' start and dismissal times for the 2022-2023 school year in order to safely accommodate the number of children who require school transportation.

At its June 21, 2022, school board meeting, the Merrillville Board of School Trustees approved the new schedule that will go into effect August 17, 2022, the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year. Please note the following:

School	Start Time	Dismissal
Merrillville High School	7:40 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Pierce Middle School	7:40 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Elementary Schools	8:25 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
Merrillville Intermediate School	9:15 a.m.	3:45 p.m.

It is our hope that approving and advertising the new school schedule in advance of the 2022-2023 school year; parents and guardians will have time to adjust any home schedules for the upcoming school year. Additional information regarding student bus routes will be posted on our website, www.mvsc.k12.in.us prior to the August 17, 2022, start of school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Central Office, 219-650-5300, or check our website for updates.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Sincerely,

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