



July 20th, 2021

To: Spectrum Community

Re: Important and Time Sensitive Updates

Happy mid-summer!

Included in this communication are important and time sensitive updates.

(1) **School Board work on addressing controversial topics in July**

2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for people on many fronts – from the pandemic, to protests, to politics, there have been many areas where people have disagreements on approaches. One such topic is critical race theory (CRT). It has come to the school’s attention that information was shared about the Spectrum School Board addressing critical race theory on their agenda at the July 22 meeting. That information is not accurate. Spectrum’s curriculum does not include teaching on CRT and there are no plans to incorporate it at this time. The Board will be discussing a draft policy on how the school will approach controversial topics within curriculum (not specific to any topics), addressing things like age-appropriateness, teaching in context, ensuring transparency, and options for parental rights and choice. If the Board chooses to discuss specific controversial topics or consider policy related to any of those topics, parents and staff will be made aware in advance.

(2) **Information on the need for parents/guardians to complete a new Transportation Form annually for each student in order for them to be scheduled on a bus route**

In order to ensure the accuracy and minimize the length of bus routes, Spectrum begins each year with a clean list of students as we work with Northstar Busing in planning routes. We are asking the parents/guardians of ALL STUDENTS in need of busing for the 2021-2022 school year to complete the *Transportation Form* found on the Spectrum website [here](#). Receiving busing the previous school year does not guarantee a route will be planned the following year. Please complete the form for each student by Friday, July 30th. Routes will only be planned for students who have a current *Transportation Form* on file for the upcoming school year.

Note: New families to Spectrum (who accepted enrollment prior to today and completed a form) or those who have already completed a form specifically for the 2021-2022 school year do not need to complete an additional form.

(3) **Please submit any enrollment changes as soon as possible**

Our desire is for all of our students to remain at Spectrum for their entire middle and high school experience to fully benefit from the exceptional college preparatory education offered. We recognize that there are times when that is not possible. If attendance plans for your student have changed and they will not be returning to Spectrum for the 2021-2022 school year, please click [here](#) for the *Spectrum Withdrawal Form* to fill out and submit your student’s official withdrawal to our Registrar, Christy Siegel, at admissions@spectrumhighschool.org so that we can forward the records to their next school. If your child will not be returning to Spectrum, we sincerely wish them the best with their education.

(4) The middle and high school **student supply lists** for the 2021-2022 school year will be available on the school website beginning Wednesday, July 21.