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Good evening Tiger families:

Since the release of the *TCSD School Start and End Times, 20/21* document earlier today, we received several inquiries as to how the District determined the start and end times for each of our schools. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain.

The start and end times of our school days are actually tied to the tiers of our bus routes. To make transportation possible, with the 6-foot social distancing restrictions which limit our capacity to transport only 24 students on each bus, we designed the routes to meet our Prek-8 families' transportation needs based upon the feedback we received through the Declaration Surveys. One of the tiers involves transporting our Grade 4-6 students at the same time as our Grade 7-8 students, the next tier involves our Grade 2-3 students and residents' children in Grade K-8 that attend parochial or private schools, and the last tier transports our Grade Prek-1 students. We realize that our high school students are not scheduled for transportation routes for the coming school year, but I wanted to include this information so that you know how we arrived at our school start and end times. The high school start and end times were actually determined after considering multiple factors. We are cognizant of the traffic that will occur with many parents in Prek-8 deciding to transport their own children to and from school. Beginning the school day for our Grade 9-12 students at 8:15 a.m. will hopefully address traffic flow and congestion on our campuses. Further, for many years, our parents, staff members, and students have cited research that suggests adolescents perform better in school if their school day starts later. This ongoing pandemic was a good opportunity to adjust the school day in an effort to address that concern.

I appreciated hearing from our parents today as your questions are important. We will continue to be as responsive as possible. As always, we appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we move closer to the beginning of school year.

Next, Laura Leonard, the Director of the Twinsburg Public Library asked that I share the following information with you:

"Due to social distancing and mass gathering orders, the Twinsburg Public Library only has 'Browse and Go' services. Students are able to choose materials for checkout, but there is no furniture available for group meetups, projects or long stays. Library staff is available to help with research both in person and through email at librarian@twinsburglibrary.org. These procedures will be in place for the foreseeable future. Library Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Vulnerable hours are 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information visit: <https://www.twinsburglibrary.org/open-limited-services>"

Thanks for your continued support,
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

