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TO: All Operators
SUBJECT: Saint Paul Public School Students Using Transit

More high school students will be invited to use transit this fall as Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) responds to a shortage of school bus drivers. SPPS classes resume on Thursday, September 9.

Students at Como Park, Harding, Central and Washington will be allowed to ride transit for free.

Eventually, all eligible students at these schools will receive Go-To Cards and/or instructions on how to download a pass they can print or display on a personal device. **Until further notice, please allow individuals who identify themselves as SPPS students to board for free and record these rides by pressing Key “C.”**

Students who receive Student Passes can ride buses or trains from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week. All students agree to abide by Metro Transit’s Code of Conduct and will be reminded of safety protocols, including the requirement to wear masks on transit.

No additional school trips are being added at this time. Routes that serve students at Como Park, Harding, Central and Washington include:

- **Como:** Routes 3, 65
- **Central:** Green Line, Routes 21, 83
- **Harding:** Routes 63, 74, 80
- **Washington:** Route 62

Student Passes will also be provided to students at three other SPPS high schools – Johnson, Creative Arts and Gordon Park. Eligible students at Minneapolis Public Schools high schools and several other schools throughout the region will also receive Student Passes.

In Saint Paul, school staff will accompany students who are new to transit the first few weeks of school. The district is also encouraging students to walk, bike and carpool, and for families to help get their kids to and from school if they can do so. Thank you for your patience during this transition period.



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