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Dear Grizzly Families,

We hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to inform you about upcoming changes to our transportation tiers at Ypsilanti Community Schools. After carefully considering the feedback received from parents and staff through the Transportation *Thought Exchange*, we have decided to implement a new Three-Tiered Transportation Model.

The main goal of this change is to address the transportation issues we have faced during the 2022-23 school year and provide more reliable transportation services to our families. We understand how important it is for our students to arrive at school and home on time, and we believe that this new model will help us achieve this goal. The changes are as follows:

**BELL SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

<u>TIER 1</u>	<u>TIER 2</u>	<u>TIER 3</u>
7:25 AM to 2:30 PM	8:25 AM to 3:30 PM	9:25 AM to 4:20 PM
YCMS YCHS WIMA/WIHI High Point	Beatty Ford Perry	Erickson Estabrook Holmes YIES
<b><u>No Transportation</u></b>		
YC2S 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM		
ACCE 8:00 AM to 2:55 PM		
Questions? Contact us at (734) 221-1210.		

As you know, one of our primary goals is to provide our students with the best possible educational experience for our students. With this in mind, we are planning a Before School Learning Opportunity for our elementary students scheduled to attend Erickson, Estabrook, Holmes, and YIES. This will ensure that our elementary students have a safe and productive environment before the school day begins. We aim to make this transition as seamless as possible.

We understand that this change may have logistical implications for some families, and we are committed to finding the best solution for everyone. We will work closely with our staff to ensure that before-school care options meet our standards and provide a nurturing environment for our students.

We will keep you updated on the progress of this project and provide you with further information on the before-care services as soon as it becomes available. This change is a positive step forward, and we are excited about the potential benefits it will bring to our students.

We are excited about the implementation of this new Three-Tiered Transportation Model and the opportunity to provide before-school care for students. These initiatives will significantly enhance our ability to operate dependable, timely, and efficient services. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact us at (734) 221-1210 or email us at [communications@ycschools.us](mailto:communications@ycschools.us). We are here to support you and your children in any way possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in shaping the educational journey. We thank all the parents and staff participating in the Transportation *Thought Exchange*. Your input has been invaluable in our problem-solving efforts. We can continue improving the services we provide to our students and families through collaboration and open communication. Together, we can create an environment that fosters growth, development, and success.

Sincerely,

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