



# RED ROCK CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Bruce E. Olson, Superintendent**

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Dear Patrons of the Red Rock Central School District:

I am taking this opportunity to update everyone on the plans regarding the future of RRC. Through the course of the last few weeks we have heard the concerns of our community members. I will guarantee you that we are listening. We are making every attempt to accommodate those concerns as we move forward with one building.

I will attempt to explain the breakdown of our elementary:

Pre-School: These are based on projected numbers.

4 Year olds will be 2 full days a week. Perhaps 3 days based on numbers.

3 Year olds will be 2 half days per week and transportation will be provided.

Kindergarten: 2 Sections are planned with a 13 to 1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio. We are projecting 26 students.

Grade 1: 2 licensed teachers will be with these students all day for a 12 to 1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio. We are projecting 24 students in this class.

Grade 2: 2 Sections are planned with a 14/15 to 1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio. We are projecting 29 students in this class.

Grade 3: 2 Sections are planned with a 15 to 1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio. We are projecting 30 students in this class.

Grade 4: 16 Students - 1 Section

I think you will find that we will have excellent student-to-teacher ratios in our Primary School. That has always been a commitment at RRC, and we are trying to maintain that philosophy.

There are many questions about transportation. We are convinced that students will be able to get on the bus at a later time in the morning, and home earlier in the afternoon. There will not be the wasted time of our students who have to wait for the shuttles. For example, on the Storden route the first pick up is now at 6:46 a.m. The plan looks like those students will get on the bus at approximately 7:15 a.m. Then that bus will make its route with stops in Storden and a couple more stops on its way to Lambertton, to arrive at approximately 8:15 a.m. That same Storden route bus now makes its way to Jeffers by 7:45 a.m., with school starting at 8:30. You can see that we have some inefficiencies that can be eliminated by not waiting on these shuttles.

The Jeffers gym will remain open for community and school events. We have been able to determine that it will work to only heat that end of the building. We will see, as time goes on, what it actually will cost the district to keep that as an asset.

Future plans are to remain as Red Rock Central for many years to come without further sharing with other districts outside of what we currently do. As we look at projected enrollments, we can thrive as a school district that serves our children, and we can insure their academic success. Everyone knows how important academics are to the Red Rock Central Community. We are committed to maintaining that for all of our children.

Remember we are all in this together as one school district. As you can see, continued efforts are underway to serve the needs of all stakeholders.

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