



140 Saratoga Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010



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Dear GASD High school students & families:

We want to inform you about some important bus transportation changes that will take effect in September for most of our Greater Amsterdam High School students.

As many of you may have heard, the Greater Amsterdam School District has reached an agreement with the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) to provide bus service for selected high school students during the 2022-23 school year. Starting the first day of school, CDTA will provide the students with public transit options to provide access within the city and surrounding areas.

CDTA will pick up and drop off eligible students at designated bus stops. There will be buses designated for students along with pre-existing CDTA stops along these routes. (These buses are called "trippers". Please see the enclosed map with the schedule, bus-stop, and route information.) These trippers are designated as #600 West Side, #600 East Side and #601. If your home or residence is on the streets in and around these trips, CDTA buses will drop off and pick up students at the Amsterdam High School front entrance. These services comprise a total of ten school trips for the morning bell time (arriving at 7:10 am and 7:30 am) and ten school trips for the afternoon bell time (departing at 2:36 pm and 2:56 pm).

This new partnership offers our students better access to school with more flexibility. CDTA has also taken many steps regarding the safety and security of both customers and operators as this new service rolls out. Many of these items are covered by their Code of Conduct that is also included with this letter. Please note, at present masks are still required to ride on any CDTA bus as per New York State regulations.

We are confident this change will provide an improved level of service for our students. Please review the enclosed information with your child or children. If you have questions, join us at orientation on August 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and August 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the HS Media Center. CDTA bus passes will be handed out at each of these meetings for those eligible students.

We are excited at the prospect and the opportunities this partnership is bringing to our students and community. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Colleen DiCaprio at cdicaprio@gasd.org, or our Transportation department at



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transportation@gasd.org. We look forward to the upcoming school year and a successful partnership with CDTA.

Sincerely,

Richard Ruberti
District Superintendent