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### **Ten School District Bus Routes Canceled for March 18**

*Routes canceled in advance to minimize inconvenience for families*

**Eagle, CO** – Eagle County School District announced that 10 school district transportation routes are canceled for Thursday, March 18 due to a high number of bus drivers scheduled to receive their second vaccine dose on Wednesday, March 17. Notably, bus drivers complete a comprehensive pre-check process every morning that involves evaluating themselves as well as their buses. If a driver feels in any way compromised, they are required to call in until they feel better and fully alert. With this many bus drivers being vaccinated at once, and not enough substitute drivers, the potential for last minute cancellations on Thursday morning is very high. The intent behind canceling these routes in advance is to minimize the inconvenience for families by providing more time for them to make alternative arrangements.

The bus routes that are canceled for Thursday, March 18 are:

- #2 – RSES, HPS, BMHS
- #7 – AES, HPS, BMHS-After School AES
- #10 – EES, BCMS, After School GES
- #11 – EES, BCMS, BMHS
- #16 – EVES, HPS 6-8
- #17 – EVES, EVMS, EVHS, BCES
- #20 AM Only – EVHS, EVMS
- #21 – RHES, GCMS, EVHS-After School RHES
- #23 – RHES, GCMS
- #24 – GES, EVHS, GCMS-After School-GCMS

The Transportation Department is also sending out SmartTag alerts to all routes impacted by the cancellations. Approximately 800-1000 students across the district are expected to be affected by this widespread disruption.

The silver lining is that as a community, and with thanks to Public Health and Vail Health, we are rapidly vaccinating staff, which significantly reduces the potential for disruptions during the remainder of the year due to illness.

The school district remains appreciative of the cooperative spirit and understanding of parents as we continue to operate with the least disruptions possible during the pandemic.