

August 30, 2024

Dear Students, Staff, and Families:

Welcome back!! It is exciting to have everyone back in the buildings for the 2024/2025 school year, well-rested and ready to learn. Welcome to all the new staff and students. Wishing everyone a successful and enjoyable new year.

**Transportation:**

The School Department has uploaded each student's bus number into ASPEN under the transportation tab. Routes can be found on the School Department's Website: [2024-2025 Bus Routes](#)  
Please check for bus times and locations for your student's route. Students should be at the stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time. No bus changes will be processed until after September 23rd. If you need to make any changes please email [transportation@cumberlandschools.org](mailto:transportation@cumberlandschools.org) after September 23rd. If you recently registered your student, their bus information may not be available yet. We will be uploading this information as it becomes available. If your child's transportation tab is blank your student is considered a walker.  
Please be patient for the first few weeks as routes are being ironed out. Buses may experience some delays. Reach out to [transportation@cumberlandschools.org](mailto:transportation@cumberlandschools.org) with any questions. For more information about Transportation please refer to [E-2 Transportation Policy](#).

**Construction Updates:**

**Preschool Relocation** - This year the Cumberland Preschool Center has moved to its temporary location at Community School. The Preschool Center Principal, Rachel Powell, and her staff have been busy bees getting everything ready for our youngest students. We welcome Mrs. Powell as the newest Administrator to the Cumberland School Department.



**Ashton Opening** - The new and improved Ashton School will be a welcome sight for Ashton staff, students, and families. Keep an eye out for the official ribbon-cutting celebration.



**Community Relocation** - The Central office would like to welcome our 4th guest, Community School to the Transitional building. The process of moving can be challenging, but I am confident that everyone will have a positive experience.



**Helpful Links:**

[2024-2025 Start and End Times](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

[School Lunch Menus](#)

[ASPEN Help](#)

[Cumberland School Department Policy Manual](#)

<https://cumberlandschools.org/>

[Employment Opportunities](#)

Sincerely,

*Philip D. Thornton, Ed.D.*

Superintendent of Schools