We hope you are enjoying these last weeks of summer vacation. All departments in the District have been busy preparing to reopen our schools in September. Please read about some of the updates and features that will be available to parents/guardians in the 22-23 school year.

Based on feedback received regarding the cost to families when a 1:1 district-issued student device is damaged or broken beyond repair, Rose Tree Media is now partnering with One2One Risk Solutions to provide accident protection for our student devices in grades 1 - 12. Registering with One2One Risk Solutions and purchasing a damage waiver will be required this year and will protect you from the cost to repair or replace your student's RTMSD issued device. We believe the low cost of \$20.00 for the RTM one-to-one device insurance is family friendly and allows the Technology Department to more efficiently repair and provide working devices while maintaining its fiscal responsibility to taxpayers. Visit the Parent Portal at <a href="https://www.rtmsd.org/parentportal">https://www.rtmsd.org/parentportal</a> and click on Device Insurance to learn specific information about registering your student's device and to pay your waiver. You can also download this information by clicking on <a href="RTM One2One Device Insurance Parent Communication">RTM One2One Device Insurance Parent Communication</a>. If you feel you qualify for financial support, please contact the Director of Technology at <a href="mailto:cconsadene@rtmsd.org">cconsadene@rtmsd.org</a>.

The District will use electronic forms to collect Contact and Nurse information for the 2022-2023 school year. Instructions to complete the forms, will be sent via email on 8/15/22. The forms must be completed by 8/31/2022.

The District has published a new website over the summer. Design choices were based on feedback from our community. A feature that many families requested was the ability to subscribe to notifications when new content was added to the District/Schools websites. That functionality is built into the new website. Instructions for subscribing to e-alerts can be found in our <u>Parent Portal</u> under Resources "Subscribe to E-Alerts"

The Transportation Department will use a new tool for parents for the 22-23 school year. The tool, *Ride 360*, will not only allow parents to see their child's bus schedule but will also allow parents to see the arrival time of the bus in real time. Parents will receive a postcard via USPS with instructions on how to download and install the app or use a web browser to access their child/ children's bus schedules for the coming school year. Please watch for this postcard the week of 8/22/22. Bus schedules will no longer be published on the district website.

If you have questions about any of these updates, please contact the Director of Technology, Christa Consadene at <a href="mailto:cconsadene@rtmsd.org">cconsadene@rtmsd.org</a>