



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

A Message from the Superintendent

Dear colleagues,

After more than 18 months of virtual or hybrid learning, the School District of Philadelphia is excited to welcome all of our students back to school for full in-person learning five days a week, starting Tuesday, **August 31st** -- the first day of school. To help families prepare, we are launching our first ever Back-to-School Bus Tour.



The Tour, which is powered by a generous grant from Independence Blue Cross Foundation, takes the critical information and services that families need to prepare for a successful return to in-person learning out into neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia. Two buses will travel across Philly Monday through **Friday, August 9 - 27**, hosting pop up events where families can:

- chat with the SDP Street Team to get the back-to-school information they need
- register their children for PreKindergarten through 12th grade
- sign up for a Parent Portal account
- get a free backpack and school supplies
- and, at select tour stops, have their child receive free required immunizations

Please help us spread the word about the Bus Tour. You can find and share the full schedule and the latest back-to-school updates at philasd.org/ringthebell.

We look forward to ringing the bell on a new school year together!

Sincerely,

Bill

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