

REGION 15 SCHOOLS: SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

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Upcoming Dates / School Calendar

- [2025-26 Region 15 District Calendar](#)
- **August 26, 2025:** First day of the 2025-26 School Year for Students
Building administrators will communicate specific start-of-school-year information with families over the summer.
- **September 1, 2025:** Schools are not in session for Labor Day
- **September 23, 2025:** Schools are not in session for Rosh Hashanah

PowerSchool vs. ParentSquare: A Recap

We've shared information about PowerSchool and ParentSquare earlier this summer, but as the school year begins, here's a quick recap to keep things clear:

- **PowerSchool Parent Portal:** Check grades, progress reports, attendance, update emergency contact and demographic information.
 - *Login:* [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) (use a web browser for best results).
 - Returning families: Use your existing credentials.
 - New families: An invitation was emailed after registration. Need it resent? Email registration@region15.org.
- **ParentSquare** (New This Year!) Stay connected with school announcements, classroom/athletic updates, attendance notifications, and event reminders.
 - *Login:* [ParentSquare Sign In](#) or download the app.
 - Families should have received an activation email. Need a new invite? Enter your phone or email under "Register" at the link above.

Using both platforms ensures families are connected to their student's academic progress and daily school life. Throughout the school year, Region 15 will continue to share updates and resources to help you get the most out of these tools.

Helpful Tips:

- Download the ParentSquare app to keep all communication in one place.

- Default settings send a daily digest email at 6 p.m. (unless changed). Urgent alerts are also sent via text.

Region 15 Food & Nutrition Services

As we welcome students back to school, Region 15 Food & Nutrition Services is excited to serve healthy breakfasts and lunches every day. This year brings updated meal prices, reminders about free and reduced meal applications, and easy online payment options through MySchoolBucks.

For full details on menus, meal guidelines, and payment information, please read the complete [Food & Nutrition Services Letter](#).

Bus Routes

Last week, families received information about their student's bus route along with instructions for using the FirstView® app, which allows real-time tracking of bus status and sends alerts when the bus is approaching pick-up and drop-off locations.

The app experienced downtime earlier this week, but it is now fully functional. Families can add new students using the district code: E9L4I.

Bus Routes are continuously updated to reflect the most current information.

[2025-26 Bus Routes](#)
[FirstView® App Setup Instructions](#)

First Student Transportation is our bus transportation provider. If you have questions we are asking that you directly contact First Student and include: Student Name, Address, School, and Grade. You can contact them at: (203) 758-1686

Paving

There is paving taking place in both towns that could impact some bus routes. We appreciate your patience and understanding as our towns work to improve our infrastructure.

Congressional App Challenge

The 2025 Congressional App Challenge is open for submissions until October 30, 2025.

The Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide event designed to engage students in creativity and encourage participation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields.

Students can compete with their peers by creating and exhibiting an original software

application. Students can compete as an individual or in teams up to four. Two teammates must reside or attend school in the Fifth Congressional District.

The winning app from each congressional district which hosted a Challenge will be featured on the U.S. House of Representatives' website (www.house.gov) and displayed in a U.S. Capitol exhibit. Learn more [here](#).

The partnership between our schools and community is valued and truly a shared commitment. Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to welcoming your students to our buildings on Tuesday!

Joshua Smith
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