



April 19, 2018

Dear Hamilton families,

As we have been communicating with you, DPS has been working extraordinarily hard and in partnership with superintendents across the state to press our state government to restore education funding to our schools and ensure our students and our educators receive the supports and compensation they deserve.

The statewide teachers association, the Colorado Education Association, is planning a statewide rally of educators on Friday, April 27, to advocate for greater state funding and expects that many of our teachers will participate. As such, we've been working with our teachers on a plan that will have as minimal impact as possible on our students and families.

That's why DPS has decided to schedule an early release day on Friday, April 27. The planned early release will not impact student meals. We are committed to feeding every child, every day, so lunches will be available for every student on April 27.

Also, the planned early release day will not impact the African-American Young Ladies' Summit or the 34th Annual Shakespeare Festival. The Shakespeare Festival will follow its regular schedule. Students who go back to school after the festival will be provided with transportation home.

We've gathered information to help you plan for this early release day.

Our schedule:

Hamilton scholars will attend class from 7:25 – 11:00 am on April 27.

***** Scholars will be dismissed at 11:00am *****

Students who ride a bus will remain at Hamilton and will be supervised until buses arrive at 11:55am.

(Buses will arrive at their stops three hours earlier than usual. Example: a bus stop at 3:20pm will arrive at 12:20pm)

Students who usually ride a bus home but will be walking on April 27 must bring a note signed by a parent or guardian to the main office.

Note that there will be NO afterschool activities or athletics practices on April 27.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Family Liaison Carolyn Leahy at 720-423-9500 or carolyn_leahy@dpsk12.org.

Sincerely,
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Principal