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Dear JYKDCS Families,

As of August 24, 2025, SEPTA has implemented Phase 1 of its service reductions. [SEPTA+1](#) These changes include:

- Elimination of 32 bus routes
- Major cuts to rail service
- A 21.5% fare increase effective September 1
- Longer wait times and increased crowding

To help riders prepare, SEPTA has launched a dedicated Service Cuts website, which includes:

- Background information on the service changes
- Details on the fare increase
- Updated maps and schedules for bus, metro, and regional rail
- A School Impacts document outlining affected schools and suggested alternative routes

SEPTA has also created a Funding Crisis page with important bulletins and trip-planning guidance—this currently serves as a substitute for the [Rider Guide](#).

What Families & Staff Should Do:

1. Visit the Service Cuts website for essential updates, maps, schedules, and the [School Impacts](#) PDF.
2. Use the Funding Crisis page for detailed, step-by-step instructions on navigating changes and planning your trips using the SEPTA website or app.
3. Download or update the SEPTA mobile app to version 3.2.6 for the most accurate schedule information—especially after August 24 (Bus/Metro) and after September 2 (Regional Rail). [SEPTA+1](#)

We recognize that these service cuts may create significant challenges. Many of our students and staff depend on SEPTA every day. While we remain hopeful that SEPTA will secure the funding needed to restore full service, we strongly encourage you to review the available resources and begin planning alternative travel arrangements as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Educationally Yours,

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