

**Friday, June 8, 2018**



Dear Students and Families,

**The Kids Ride Free (KRF) program is getting smarter!** Mayor Muriel Bowser established and championed KRF to ensure that all students who attend public schools can ride to and from school related activities for free on Metrobus, Metrorail, and the DC Circulator. Today, we are proud to announce updates to the program based on feedback from parents and students. These updates will make the program easier to use and more accessible.

Students who use Metrorail, Metrobus, and DC Circulator to get to school and school-related activities will **need to obtain a new KRF SmarTrip card** at a summer distribution event or when the next school year starts. Beginning next school year, students will no longer use their DC One Cards to access public transportation.

- The new SmarTrip card will continue to provide students with free transportation on Metrobus, Metrorail, and DC Circulator to school and school-related activities.
- Students will simply be required to tap their new KRF SmarTrip cards on all bus and rail trips.
- The new card will be separate from students' DC One Card and will provide students with easier and immediate access to Metrobus, Metrorail, and DC Circulator.

To ensure students do not experience an interruption in their ability to use the Metro or DC Circulator, current KRF activated DC One Cards can be tapped to ride through **September 30, 2018**.

### **Get Your Card Early**

Card distribution events will be held this summer in every ward. These events will allow students who currently use bus and rail to get to school and school-related activities an opportunity to get their new KRF SmarTrip card before the new school year begins. To receive a new KRF SmarTrip card, students will need to bring their current DC One Card or a government issued I.D. and proof of residency to one of these events. For more information on these events, please visit [kidsridefree.dc.gov](http://kidsridefree.dc.gov).

### **Additional Information**

If students are unable to attend a summer distribution event, they can get their new SmartTrip card from their school's DC One Card Administrator at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Questions about the KRF program can be directed to your school's DC One Card Administrator or go online to [kidsridefree.dc.gov](http://kidsridefree.dc.gov) or contact District Department of Transportation's School Transit Subsidy Office at (202) 673-1740.

