



# VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2018-2019

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

Valley City Public Schools will be dismissing all students K-12 early from school on three dates during the 2018-2019 school year. These three early dismissal days will allow all staff at VCPS the ability to attend professional development that is timely, relevant, and aligned with our purpose and commitments in the district.

I would respectfully ask that you please carefully review the information listed below as it pertains to our early dismissal days for 2018-2019:

### Dismissal Dates

- Wednesday, September 19th
- Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, April 3rd

### Dismissal Schedule

- Elementary K-6 (12:10pm)
- Junior/Senior High 7-12 (12:26pm) \*Students in grades 9-12 are dismissed at 12:12 for lunch and may leave at this time or stay for lunch.

### Lunch on the Early Dismissals Days

All students will be provided the opportunity for lunch on the days of an early dismissal. Principals may adjust lunch schedules on the day of early dismissals to allow all students the opportunity to have time to eat lunch.

### Busing on the Early Dismissal Days

Dietrich Bus Service will provide all bus students with bus transportation on early dismissal days. The early dismissal bus schedule (including school pick-up and drop-off times) will closely follow the regular school day bus schedule with the only change being the TIME (easy tip...move everything up 3 hours on the schedule).

### Activity Schedules on Early Dismissal Days

All VCPS sponsored activities (including practices) will not begin prior to 4:15pm on early dismissal days during the 2018-2019 school year.

### Professional Development Topics

The focus for our professional development for the 2018-2019 school year during early dismissal days will include the following topics:

- September (School Safety Exercises- Active Shooters, Evacuation, and Reunification)
- December (Behavioral Health- Student Behavior, Mental Health, Student Safety)
- April (BridgED Technology Plan- Training, Tools, Resources for Educators)

On behalf of the staff and school board at Valley City Public Schools, I would like to thank you for providing us this opportunity to provide meaningful professional development for our staff. We fully understand the inconveniences that this may cause some families, especially those with young children. We continue to evaluate the benefit of these professional development days in determining our plans for the 2019-2020 school year. Please feel free to contact me with your questions, suggestions, and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joshua Johnson  
Superintendent  
Valley City Public Schools