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TO: PENNCREST Families
FROM: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool, Superintendent *KS*
DATE: September 15, 2021
RE: School Bus driver shortage and 2-hour delay rotation

The national and regional shortage of school bus drivers (CDL with passenger endorsement) has reached a critical point, and is affecting our ability to operate at full capacity. This shortage may soon impact in-person learning. We started the year with a full complement of drivers and substitutes to cover all of our bus routes and van runs. For a variety of reasons, including illness, we are no longer fully staffed. This week we have combined several routes and consolidated ridership. **Beginning tomorrow (Thursday, September 16, 2021) we will implement a rotating 2-hour delay schedule. We will only activate a 2-hour delay, if the district is unable to transport all students.** Families will receive notification of the 2-hour delay in the same manner as a [weather delay](#). Please make sure your information is correct in School Messenger. We are working on a long-term plan should the driver shortage continue or occur again this winter. We are sharing our plan to help you prepare should the need arise to operate on a 2-hour delay schedule. If a 2-hour delay is activated, the district will combine buses and adjust ridership for a normal dismissal at 3:05pm. Your continued patience and support are appreciated.

Thursday, September 16 Cambridge Springs Campus
Friday, September 17 Maplewood Campus

Monday, September 20 Saegertown Campus
Tuesday, September 21 Cambridge Springs Campus
Wednesday, September 22 Maplewood Campus
Thursday, September 23 Saegertown Campus
Friday, September 24 Cambridge Springs Campus

Monday, September 27 Maplewood Campus
Tuesday, September 28 Saegertown Campus
Wednesday, September 29 Cambridge Springs Campus
Thursday, September 30 Maplewood Campus
Friday, October 1 Saegertown Campus

If a delay is necessary, families will receive notification in the morning according to the schedule.

This is a precaution. At this time, 2-hour delays are not guaranteed only scheduled.

If you or someone you know is interested in driving a school bus, please contact Krista Rhoades at 814-337-1629 for more information.

Transportation Overview

- PENNCREST has two transportation contractors
 - PM Bus Inc
 - R.D. Wykoff
- 408 square miles
- 3 campuses with 6 schools
- Transport to 16 other schools
 - Non-public, parochial and alternative
 - North-South from Erie to Greenville
 - East-West from Spartanburg to Conneautville
- 49 Bus Routes
- 30 Van Runs

Transportation Department

<https://www.penncrest.org/departments/transportation>

School Messenger (emergency notification) via text, email, and voice

- Parent/guardian enrolled automatically (update information via Unified Classroom)
- Community opt-on via <http://asp.schoolmessenger.com/penncrest/subscriber>