



DIERINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents of Route 07 Students;

Due to our current school bus driver shortage and the COVID crisis that we are facing, we have come up with a plan to implement in the event that we do not have enough drivers to service all of our bus routes.

After reviewing our options and current routes and attempting to negatively impact the fewest families possible, we have decided that in our effort to make the most of a bad situation, Route 07 is our best option.

In the event we must implement this plan, families will be contacted, via a robocall, that we cannot service Route 07 normally and that families can choose from one of the following 3 options.

1. Transport your student(s) to and from school yourself or via a carpool with neighbors.
2. Transport your students to North Tapps Middle School* where they can be supervised by school staff for a short time and then shuttled by bus to the appropriate school.
3. If you cannot transport your student(s), call the district office at 253-862-2537 and provide us with your student's name and address. We will send the first available driver, either in a transport van or school bus to pick up your child. These students may be late to school, but we will get them there.

*Note: If you choose to transport your elementary student(s) to North Tapps Middle School, they can be dropped off at 7:40 AM or 8:20 AM for shuttling to DHES and LTES. They should be dropped off in the normal parent/student drop off loop, and from there they will walk to the bus pick-up loop where they will be guided onto the designated shuttle bus.

We will do everything in our power to avoid this scenario, but we want to be prepared with an emergency response plan in case it becomes necessary. In the event we need to put this plan into action you will be notified as soon as possible. We will also add these instructions to the Transportation page on the district website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the transportation department at 253-862-6703

If you know of anyone who would be interested in a school bus driver position, please contact us ASAP.

Thank you

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