



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Longfellow Administration Center

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Dr. Keith W. Hilts, Superintendent of Schools

Good Morning Wausau School District Staff and Families,

First, we just want to say thank you for your patience this morning as First Student's bus drivers tried out some new routes. We know things didn't go perfectly as planned and that some adjustments need to be made going forward.

That said, we would also like to give you some insight into the efforts First Student made over the weekend. Because of a bus driver shortage that is happening all over the nation, but seems to be worse in Wausau, First Student and the Wausau School District mutually agreed to rebuild bus routes. The strategy going into that process was to eliminate or dramatically reduce route cancellations. In order for that to happen, the compromise is slightly longer bus rides, more students on buses, and, in some cases, late arrivals. We know this isn't ideal for you and your students, either - but it is allowing our yellow buses to get your students to school. Please know, we are so grateful for your continued flexibility and patience. It has meant so much to us during this tough year for busing.

First Student will be making some adjustments in the coming days to these new routes. Any changes will be communicated by First Student. We are confident that these re-worked routes, when perfected, will make all of the difference for the students, and their families, who rely on these buses to get to and from school. This will get better.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a First Student bus driver, please call 715-842-2268.

Thank you,
Wausau School District Administration

It is the mission of the Wausau School District to advance student learning, achievement, and success.