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# School District 149

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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an ongoing challenge we are facing that is impacting our school's transportation services. We value your partnership and wanted to ensure you are kept informed about the situation.

Recently, the school bus company we partner with, First Student, has been experiencing a shortage of bus drivers, which has become a concern for us and many other educational institutions in the area. This shortage has resulted in some disruptions to our regular transportation schedule, and we understand that this can be inconvenient for both students and parents.

Please know that we are actively working with First Student to address this issue and find solutions to minimize the impact on students' transportation experience. Our priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of our students while providing reliable transportation services.

In the meantime, we kindly ask for your understanding and patience as we navigate through this challenging situation. We are exploring various strategies to manage the shortage, such as adjusting routes, utilizing alternative transportation methods, and recruiting additional drivers. Rest assured, we are doing everything we can to resolve this matter as quickly as possible. To stay informed about any updates or changes to the transportation schedule, we encourage you to regularly check our school's website, social media channels, or communication platforms. Additionally, building staff will reach out directly to parents/guardians to communicate any specific changes that may affect your child's transportation arrangements.

As we continue to maintain safety regarding transportation, we are reminding parents that once students board a bus, they will not be allowed to exit until the bus stop destination is reached. Parents and/or relatives are prohibited from taking students off the bus anywhere other than the stop they are assigned to.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and support during this time. Our students' safety and well-being are of the utmost importance to us, and we are committed to ensuring a smooth and secure transportation experience for everyone.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust in our schools.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nicole Robinson

Director of District Services