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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Morgan Local School District, not unlike many school districts in the State of Ohio, is experiencing a **critical shortage** of qualified substitute bus drivers. The district is hopeful that there will never be a need for alternative routing, but we are obligated to inform parents and guardians of this very real possibility.

Morgan Local Schools' transportation department's primary concern has always been the safe transport of our students to and from school. Therefore, before any temporary change in routing would take place all extracurricular and co-curricular trips would be cancelled, shortened, or changed for that day. This would allow the district to maximize the use of the available transportation department staff members and minimize any route changes.

In the rare event that trips would be cancelled, and there was still a shortfall of drivers for routes, the district would have to alter student transportation. This short-term change in student transportation could possibly include creative routing, the sharing and splitting of routes, double routing, etc. These changes could cause students to be picked-up or dropped-off at a different time.

Any temporary change made to a student's route due to these circumstances would only come from the exhaustion of all other options. Morgan Local Schools would like to thank you for your understanding in these matters; if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us regarding this or any other issue. We are willing to hire and train any individuals that wish to be a substitute school bus driver. Applicants must have a clean driving record and be able to pass a pre-employment drug screening. Applications can be picked up at the bus garage which is located behind Morgan High School. Our telephone numbers are: bus garage-962-3685, and district office- 962-2377.

Respectfully,

Russ Clifton, Transportation Director
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