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Dear Matawan-Aberdeen Parents and Guardians,

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the discontinuation of our Subscription Busing service after this school year. After carefully considering and evaluating the program's impact and feasibility, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue this service.

We understand that Subscription Busing has been a valuable resource for many members of our community, providing convenient and affordable transportation options. However, despite our best efforts to promote and sustain the program, we have encountered several challenges that have made it unsustainable for future school years.

Factors contributing to the decision to discontinue Subscription Busing include:

- Road Projects: Aberdeen Road closed on March 4, 2024, and will continue to be closed until further notice. Monmouth County will be providing a 'Free Pedestrian Shuttle Service' during set hours, for more information [click here](#). Mill Road will be closed on March 4, 2024, for approximately two months. There will continue to be additional road reconstruction and improvements throughout Aberdeen, [click here](#) to read *The Aberdeen News*, page 2 for a complete list. The Transportation Department will work closely with our town's Traffic Safety Unit and send out communication when bus stops need to be altered.
- Increases in District Enrollment: In the last few years, the district has enrolled approximately 400 additional students throughout all grade levels.
- Cost Considerations: Operating a transportation service requires significant financial resources, including expenses related to vehicle maintenance, fuel, insurance, and staffing. Despite our efforts to keep subscription fees affordable, the cost of providing the service has impacted the local budget.
- Limited Resources: As a community organization, we must allocate our resources judiciously to address the diverse needs of our community. While Subscription Busing has been a valuable initiative, we recognize that our limited resources may be better utilized in other areas where they can have a greater impact.

The discontinuation of Subscription Busing may cause inconvenience for some members of our community, and we sincerely apologize for any disruption this may cause. We encourage you to explore alternative transportation options in our community, such as public transit, carpooling, or ridesharing services. For additional resources that may assist you during this transition, please see the information below.

- Township Emergency and Alert Notifications: Matawan's Emergency and Alert Notifications [HERE](#) or Aberdeen Township's Emergency and Alert Notifications [HERE](#)

- Before and Aftercare is available at Cambridge Park, Cliffwood Elementary, Ravine Elementary, Strathmore Elementary, and Lloyd Road. For more information, please visit <https://ymcanj.org/child-care/ykids-before-after-school-care>.
- District Transportation Policy: The district will continue to follow our board approved policy placing additional emphasis on hazardous routes.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all those who supported and participated in the Subscription Busing program. Your enthusiasm and feedback have been invaluable, and we appreciate the trust you placed in us to provide transportation solutions that meet your needs. We remain committed to serving the needs of our community and exploring new initiatives that contribute to our collective well-being.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding discontinuing Subscription Busing, please do not hesitate to email us at bus@marsd.org.

Sincerely,



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