



SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Official Statement

Today, May 11, 2026, a bus transporting students to Sunnyside Elementary School caught on fire.

Thanks to the quick actions of the bus driver and bus aide, all students were safely evacuated and remained unharmed until first responders arrived on scene. This incident could have had a very different outcome had safety not been the immediate priority of those caring for our students.

We extend sincere gratitude to the bus driver and aide, the Cheswold Fire Company and ambulance personnel, Delaware Department of Transportation, Delaware State Police, nearby neighbors, and the many good citizens who stopped to offer assistance and support to those supervising our students.

Today's events serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of preparation, professionalism, and community. We are incredibly thankful that all students and staff are safe.