

Dear Campbell Families,

Following a comprehensive investigation into the bus incident that occurred on the afternoon of September 4, 2026, including the review of multiple video recordings and other available information, the District has concluded that no wrongdoing occurred by the bus driver in the incident under review.

Importantly, on September 9, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m., the video evidence was also reviewed with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. This additional review provided an independent law-enforcement perspective concerning the circumstances surrounding the incident. Based upon the evidence reviewed, the driver's decision to safely pull the bus over was warranted and necessary to address student behavior and protect the safety and well-being of the students on board.

In addition, multiple videos from other days were further reviewed in response to additional accusations made against the driver. This expanded review was conducted to ensure that there were no other incidents of inappropriate driving or misconduct. Based upon that additional video review, no further wrongdoing was identified.

Ohio's pupil transportation laws and safety requirements are designed to protect students while they are being transported to and from school. Students are expected to remain properly seated, keep aisles and exits clear, keep their hands and belongings to themselves, and maintain appropriate voice levels so the driver can safely operate the school bus. These expectations are not simply local bus rules; they are important components of safe pupil transportation.

Moving forward, the District will provide additional staff assistance on routes when necessary. Our hope is that drivers will not need to pull buses over and delay routes. However, when student behavior creates a safety concern, drivers are expected to stop the bus in a safe location until students are settled and it is safe to continue. When necessary, drivers may also request assistance from building administrators.

We are asking our staff, parents, students, and transportation personnel to reinforce one consistent message: student safety must always come first. Remaining seated, keeping aisles clear, keeping hands to ourselves, and using appropriate voice levels are expectations that help protect every child on the bus.

We appreciate the cooperation of our families and staff as we work together to provide safe transportation for all Campbell students.

Kindly,

Matthew Bowen
Superintendent
Campbell City Schools