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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Green Township School District is dedicated to ensuring that all students are provided with the best possible learning experience each day at school. Our objective is to foster a love of learning in a calm and supportive environment. It is with this sentiment in mind that we are writing to share an important update regarding transportation as this is a critical part of setting students up for a successful day of learning at school.

While the first few days of the school year were off the planned times, the last two weeks have stabilized with consistent arrival and departure times. On a daily basis Route 2 arrives at 7:56 am and Route 4 arrives at 8:00 am. Route 5 arrives at 8:15 am. Routes 1,3,6,7 are arriving between 8:18 am and 8:22 am. We have spent the past two weeks working to streamline the routes in an attempt to avoid revising the times to no avail. Our district has grown over 15% in the past several years from 380 to 440 students at the elementary level. Our buses are at or near capacity. When running the routes with students boarding and local traffic between Newton and Green, the computer generated models have proven to be inaccurate to the actual route times by several minutes. We need to adjust the routes to generate an appropriate arrival time of 8:05-8:18 daily.

Please be advised that effective Monday, 10/5/26 we will be starting the Newton High School Routes (NHS1, NHS2, NHS3, and NHS4) 6 minutes earlier on their routes. This earlier start time on the high school routes will translate to an earlier pick up time for the Green Hills Routes (GHS1, GHS2, GHS3, GHS4, GHS6, and GHS7) by approximately 6 minutes. This revision will allow all GHS students to arrive during the homeroom time period as intended. Please note that the Sussex Tech Route R10 and GHS5 will remain unchanged as the 8:15 am arrival time of GHS5 has been consistent and within the intended range of arrival times.

Additionally, please note that we are aware of the concerns raised about the tiering of our routes. This was a creative option to support our overall financial position when our insurance increased by 29.9% or $584,250. The increased cost of insurance was greater than the total amount of increased revenues for the entire year without consideration of all other costs in the budget. We will be surveying our families in November regarding transportation and tiering of routes. This data will help to inform the budget planning for future years.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to maintain an exceptional school experience for our students. We will continue to monitor the transportation situation and will make additional revisions if necessary.

Sincerely,

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