



Dear Families,

As we return from winter break with COVID-19 cases surging nationwide, the health and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. We remain committed to providing a safe environment for them to learn and work.

Despite our best efforts, it is possible we could face staffing shortages from this latest COVID-19 outbreak. If so, we will work diligently to try to minimize the impact to families, especially when it comes to student transportation.

Depending on daily staffing levels, we may have to adjust some bus routes. While this allows us to provide transportation to as many students as possible, it could result in delays or cancellations.

We understand the inconvenience this may cause families. School administrators will provide notification about any route changes to your child's bus as soon as possible, so you can plan accordingly.

We do continue to actively recruit, hire and train new drivers to serve the district. Unfortunately, our efforts will be slowed following a recent decision by the Illinois Secretary of State to close all DMV locations until January 18. Until the facilities reopen, our applicants will not be able to complete the state certification and licensing process that is required to become a school bus driver.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to test all of us. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We truly appreciate it as we keep navigating these new and unique challenges together.

Sincerely,

Scott Woods
Superintendent
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Area General Manager
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