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Dear Parents/Guardians

Transportation Changes

(School District) Transportation Department will be implementing changes effective _____. We would like to briefly review a few of the major changes that will aid all of us in bringing about a smooth operation.

Varying student drop off points on a day to day basis has created some serious safety concerns. As the numbers of these types of requests increased the last couple of years, the problems related with multiple drop-off sites have also increased.

Many schools in our county have allowed only one bus stop location for several years. We have attempted to accommodate the multiple bus stops, but the number of these types of stops has created a risk we can no longer take. Safety is our primary concern however there are the issues of overcrowded buses, cost containment, etc. Our primary purpose is to transport students to and from a set location, as we do not have the resources and ability to oversee multiple individual student bus stop sites.

- Safety is the number one priority! With this in mind, bus stops for your student will be limited beginning with the (Year-Year) school year. Each student may have **one** morning bus stop, **one** afternoon bus stop (may be different than the morning stop), and **one** emergency alternate bus stop. Parents with split custody situations will each be allowed one morning and one afternoon bus stop if they have joint custody. Students are to ride only these assigned buses. **Transportation will be denied to any address not on file with the parents/guardians signature (other than the home address).**
- Notes from parents will no longer be used except in emergency situations for the alternate address listed. Students will no longer be able to ride home with friends for birthday parties, sleep overs, study groups, scouting, etc., as some examples.
- We would also like to remind parents of a revision in a law for school buses. This law clarified how baggage, articles, equipment etc., are to be transported. Basically, unless the item can be held by the student, it is not allowed on the bus. This means no large projects, band instruments, fund raising items, backpacks, or any sport gear, etc. unless the student keeps it on their lap maintaining control.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you. However in the interest of student safety and the logistics of transporting hundreds of students daily we need to implement this transportation policy. Please plan now for these changes at the start of the (Year-Year) school year.