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Re: Transportation

Dear Washington Township Families:

As many of you are aware, Gloucester County and our School District continue to face critical staffing shortages in multiple areas. Transportation is one such area of vital importance.

For this reason, I am writing you today to alert you to the possibility that occasionally a specific bus run may be delayed or canceled due to our current shortage of drivers and substitute drivers. The transportation department works tirelessly to offset these issues, and, to date, has been successful in maintaining our transportation runs. As we head deeper into fall and winter, however, adjusting for all gaps may be impossible on a given day.

Therefore, an alert system has been set up to notify families if a bus run is experiencing significant delays or needs to be cancelled altogether. These alerts will be put out to those on affected routes in the early morning hours.

We realize this may be a huge inconvenience for our families, but we felt it best to inform you, in advance, of this possibility. We also would encourage you, if possible, to proactively coordinate carpools with your neighbors that could be put into action on short notice, as needed.

In the meantime, the District continues its attempts to recruit potential drivers to add to our force. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in being a bus driver, transportation assistant, or classroom assistant, please contact our Human Resource Department at 856-589-6644, ext. 1. Training will be provided.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding as we continue to navigate through these staffing challenges together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Bollendorf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mr. Joseph Bollendorf, Superintendent