September 12, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many of you already know, that RSU 16 started this school year with two less bus drivers than what would be optimal. We currently have the bare minimum number of bus drivers that are required to operate morning and afternoon school routes. The result of our current staffing level, is that on any given day we may not have enough bus drivers available to operate all of our routes on schedule.

We are preparing alternative route plans for each school that will allow us to complete all bus routes for absent drivers on an adjusted schedule, and these plans will made available through each school when they are ready.

It is impossible to anticipate all possible driver shortages, so as soon as we know of a shortage for any particular day, parents and guardians will be notified that the alternative route plan for your school has been initiated via a Robo Call. Please ensure that your contact information for receiving Robo Calls is current so you can be informed of this and other timely information.

We continue to actively recruit school bus drivers, and anyone interested in this opportunity is welcome to contact Fred Barlow at fbarlow@rsu16.org or 998-2727.

It is our hope we never have to initiate the alternative route plans, but we do thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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