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RE: Bus Challenges

Dear Allamuchy Parents and Guardians,

My hope is that you and your family are staying warm! I think that winter has arrived. As we try to get through these cold days, we would like to share with you some of the challenges we are having with busing.

You may be aware over the last several weeks, some bus runs have been running late or early depending on the need. This is unusual and is happening due to several factors:

- The winter is always challenging when it comes to the buses starting during long cold spells and this week has been very cold creating a need to have delayed openings.
- We have had several bus drivers out sick over the past several weeks.
- We are in the process of hiring a new driver based on an opening that was created.
 - This has been difficult based on recent changes in the process and procedure for drivers to be licensed. These changes have resulted in driver shortages throughout New Jersey and specifically, Northwest New Jersey.

With that said, we are working very diligently to create solutions to the challenges outlined above and examining the best solution as we move through the rest of this year and into next year. Our goal is to ensure that all students are transported safely to and from school and we need to be as efficient and effective as possible. As a parent, I know it is not easy to adjust schedules when changes in transportation take place. However, please know all changes are thought through, creating the best solution possible and being attentive to the number of changes per route. We truly appreciate your patience as we work through a more permanent solution.

Thank you for your continued support and should you have any questions. Please feel free to contact me. Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the Super Bowl!

Yours in education,

Joseph E. Flynn
Superintendent