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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As many of you are aware, we will be having a new bus contractor called Kobussen Buses. Along with that change, the District will also be going from a double bus run to a single bus run. These two changes will also cause a few additional changes for efficiency and safety. I would like to bring some of the changes to your attention before the bus company sends out the busing cards.

The single run will look something like the following: The bus company will run two routes at the same time. One will be picking up our elementary students while at the same time another set of buses will be picking up the middle and high school students. Because the Middle and High School students start school fifteen minutes earlier, those buses will most likely, begin pick-ups a little earlier. At the end of the day, the drop offs should be somewhat similar. The bus company is working hard to limit students time on the bus to not more than 60 minutes, but in some cases they will need to be on the bus longer but no longer than 75 minutes per District policy.

In an effort to minimize the time a student rides the bus there will be more group stops along the routes than in the past. This will be explained more when you receive your bus riding assignments via a postcard later this month. Along with this, the bus company will maintain some of the city stops as we had in the past. Riders will be assigned to one of those stops if their address resides in that attendance area. This is for safety and accountability purposes. If that stop will not work, you will need to contact Kobussen Bus. They may be able to make changes if space is available on another bus. Listed below are the locations of all city stops:

- Judd Park (1121 S. Water St.) at Lieg Avenue and Water Street.
- Franklin Park (235 S. Washington St.) on Franklin Street between Division and Swan
- The old hospital at North Bartlett Street and West Fifth Street
- North Humphrey Circle at North Humphrey Circle and Pearl Court

If you have questions about these stops, please contact Kobussen Bus at 715-280-3001.

Finally, with the new changes in busing, the District will be changing the time school buildings will be open for students. Last year, buildings opened at 7:00 a.m., but with the school day starting and ending later and for consistency across the district, the buildings will not open until 7:30 a.m.

As you can see, we have a few changes in busing this school year, which may cause parents to adjust their routines from last year. This is why I wanted to send this letter to you early so you have time to think through these changes and make plans for the start of school, which is right around the corner.

We are hopeful that all runs well on the first day, but we are aware there may be some glitches to work through. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kobussen at 715-280-3001. They will be able to give you the most immediate answer to your questions. We are looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,



Gary W. Cumberland
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