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Greetings FSD Parents/Guardians,

At the beginning of the school year, we shared with you our "Transportation Department Contingency Plan". The plan was developed in response to the nationwide school bus driver shortage. As FSD, along with other districts in our region, continues to be impacted by the driver shortage, we are taking this opportunity to share the contingency plan again.

August, 2022 - We have developed and will deploy our contingency plan if we cannot cover bus routes due to driver absences. On days when we have to use the contingency plan, some bus routes will run late as we will cover the open bus route(s) as follows:

- *Bus A- HS/MS bus route*
- *Bus A-Open HS/MS bus route (bus route will be late)*
- *Bus A-Elementary bus route (bus route will be late)*
- *Bus D-Open Elementary bus route (bus route will be late)*

If we need to utilize our contingency plan, we will notify families of affected routes as soon as possible to allow families to make other arrangements. The afternoon plan, while similar, will be much more dependent on the bus route that needs to be covered. We will communicate with families about the expected delays to allow them to make alternate arrangements.

We sincerely hope that we never have the need to use our contingency plan, but we wanted families to be aware of the possibility. If you have questions please give the Enrollment and Transportation Center a call at, 815-232-0580.

At this time, we are actively recruiting both drivers and monitors to fill immediate openings. These positions come with competitive pay and are benefit eligible. Attendance and longevity bonuses are also offered. If you, or someone you know are interested, please visit fsd145.org to apply or contact Ms. Dallas Pieper, Director of Transportation, at 815-232-0580 or dallas.pieper@fsd145.org.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Dr. Anna Alvarado,

Superintendent of Schools