IMPORTANT MESSAGE NO BUS SERVICE COMMENCING OCTOBER 9, 2020 - OCTOBER 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I write to let you know that the Central Dauphin School District cannot offer transportation to students from Friday, October 9, 2020 through Friday, October 16, 2020.

BACKGROUND

Today, October 8, 2020, we were notified that a District transportation contractor tested positive for COVID-19. Although this contractor was not present in any District school building, this person performs an essential job that impacts our provision of transportation services.

We have engaged in tracing this individual’s exposure both to students and to other employees within the District. As a result, over ten individuals in our transportation function will be affected.

This contractor, prior to exhibiting symptoms, may have had close contact with a limited number of staff and students. Adults and students who were specifically identified as having close contact (less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or greater) with this individual are being personally notified.

If you have not received a personal notification, then we have no present basis to conclude that your student was in close contact as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Shared common spaces and equipment the individual used are immediately being cleaned and sanitized. The District will follow the CDC guidelines to limit further spread and maintain a safe learning environment.

It is recommended that you consult and follow the advice of your healthcare providers or public health department if your child experiences any symptoms of COVID-19.

NO DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION FROM OCTOBER 9 – 16, 2020

As a result of this situation, the District will not be offering transportation to students from Friday, October 9, 2020, through Friday, October 16, 2020. To the extent possible, students should proceed with their regular schedules.

The District intends to move forward with returning elementary students to in-person instruction on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. All students are required to continue to participate in learning, either remote or in-person, unless unable due to illness or absence excused under school board policy.

Guardians are encouraged to transport their children to and from school on the days they are scheduled to be in-person. If guardians are unable to provide transportation, students should
work remotely. The District will resume regular student transportation on Monday, October 19, 2020.

While we understand that the lack of bussing is not ideal for anyone, it is the safest approach for our students and staff. Unfortunately, under the unique circumstances of the current situation caused by COVID-19, we cannot continue to provide safe and responsible transportation services until Monday, October 19, 2020.

We simply cannot put our students and staff at risk. The safety and health of the Central Dauphin School District students, staff and community remains our top priority. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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Norman J. Miller, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Central Dauphin School District