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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Transportation Department is doing everything possible to maintain our normally reliable services and they continue to do a great job under difficult circumstances. We were already struggling to find drivers to cover all of our routes due to the general driver shortage across the industry. Today, we had 17 drivers out.

Our remaining drivers did a great job by filling in and covering other drivers and we were able to complete our routes, but we know some students arrived at school late. The problem was further compounded when some parents received automated phone calls that their children were absent from school. We apologize for any inconvenience or alarm this may have caused.

We are likely to continue to see problems like delays with our otherwise reliable transportation service due to a shortage of drivers. While we have no immediate answer for the shortage of drivers, every effort will be made to maintain all of our routes. In order to alleviate the problem of parents receiving automated phone calls to indicate the absence of their child, we are pushing back the time when these calls are made at the elementary and middle levels. We will maintain the current automated call time for our high schools.

Yours truly,



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