

# BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Staff,

We have been very fortunate this past year in Bolton through our school bus transportation company, M&J Bus Inc., to hire and retain quality bus drivers. However, you may have recently seen on the news that Connecticut is experiencing a tremendous school bus driver worker shortage. As a result, M&J has been stepping up its campaign to recruit drivers. Currently, there are a variety of factors that continue to play a role in hiring new drivers including a backlog of individuals waiting for background checks, training, and licensure as part of the process through the State of Connecticut. Districts across the state continue to make Governor Lamont's office aware of this significant issue.

Having said all of that, I want to make parents aware that it is entirely possible that we may have morning and afternoon bus runs as well as bus runs for sporting events that may need to be canceled if we do not have enough drivers. Should a transportation cancellation need to occur due to a lack of a bus driver, either the principal or I will communicate via School Messenger to the affected families as soon as we are made aware. Should this have to occur, I will be asking parents for their help in transporting their child(ren) to and from school on that day. I recognize that this could be a burden for parents, but I am sharing this information with you today so you can begin to strategize contingency plans.

As always, I appreciate your patience, kindness, support, and partnership as we navigate the complexities of operating schools during a pandemic.

Stay safe and be well,

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