

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As many of you know, districts across the country are experiencing a severe shortage of school bus drivers. Unfortunately, Madison is no exception. While we have not had major issues to this point in the school year, we anticipate that there may be times when we do not have a driver for your child's route.

The transportation department would like to share the current plan for instances when neither your child's driver nor a substitute driver is available to drive a morning or afternoon route. You will receive a text alert from the school informing you that a specific bus will be late getting to school and/or coming home. In order to sign up for the text alerts, text the word YES to the following number: 87569

A driver who has completed his/her regular route will finish the route for which there was no driver available that day. Unfortunately, this will take some time, and your child may arrive late to school (considered a non-absence) and/or arrive home late after school. We will work as quickly and safely as possible to transport your child to and from school.

If you would rather drop your child off or pick them up when we are running behind schedule, you certainly maintain that option to do so. However, we ask that you contact the office of your child's building to communicate that decision.

We are continuing to look for substitute drivers. If you are interested in becoming a substitute driver, please contact the bus garage at 419-589-3473. Free training would be available for those who qualify.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and for entrusting us to transport your child.

Sincerely,

Mike Yost
Transportation Supervisor