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To: McGuffey School District Parents and Guardians
From: McGuffey School District Transportation Department
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Re: Possible Transportation Concern

As you have probably heard in the news, there is a bus driver shortage across our nation that is greatly affecting school districts. Some of you have already begun to experience some of the impact first hand. For example, some of our regularly scheduled bus runs have been delayed – sometimes at the last minute – due to a shortage of drivers. While McGuffey School District has been quite fortunate to contract with bus companies with qualified and available drivers, we remain prepared for potential changes in light of the nation-wide shortage.

The purpose of this message is to encourage you to begin thinking about possible alternatives in the unlikely event that your child's bus or van is canceled due to a lack of available drivers. While McGuffey School District remains committed to providing each and every student with viable transportation arrangements every school day, the fact remains that if multiple bus drivers are required to quarantine, our bus companies will be unable to provide transportation as expected. Should a bus or van need to be cancelled, McGuffey School District will take the following steps:

1. We will communicate immediately with families affected by the canceled bus or van, and continually update families on the status of the run using our BlackBoard Connect mass notification system.
2. We will make every effort to find alternate transportation, adjust or reroute buses, and/or adjust times when drivers pick up students.
3. Principals will be alerted and asked to adjust attendance monitoring accordingly so students arriving late to school (or not at all) are not penalized. Principals will also assist teachers in making arrangements for classwork to be made available to those students working from home.

Again, we encourage parents/guardians to start considering transportation alternatives in the improbable event that a bus or van run is cancelled due to a lack of available drivers. Alternatives to consider may include carpooling with neighbors or asking a relative or responsible adult to assist.

If you are interested in working as a bus driver for McGuffey School District, please contact one or both of the following bus companies:

GG&C – (724) 222-2320 or <https://www.ggcbus.com/>
First Student – (724) 414-1160 or <https://firststudentinc.com/careers/>