



Pine Bush Central School District

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Dear Pine Bush Learning Community,

I am writing to provide an update on student transportation services across the District. We know that some of our families continue to experience delays, and I want to apologize for the ongoing disruptions and the impact they have had on students and families. We understand how important dependable transportation is to your daily routines, and we recognize the frustration and uncertainty these continued delays create.

A significant challenge facing school transportation providers nationwide is a shortage of qualified bus drivers. First Student continues to work to address its staffing needs, and drivers from other locations are assisting our community to help maintain transportation services. While these efforts provide additional support, the current level of service has continued to not meet our expectations.

The District remains committed to resolving these issues and improving the reliability of transportation throughout our Pine Bush community. We continue to work directly with First Student to address ongoing staffing and operational challenges, while also evaluating what additional remedies may be available to achieve sustained improvement. We have made clear that our students and families deserve consistent, reliable service, and we will continue to press for additional meaningful progress.

Addressing the driver shortage is an important part of the long-term solution. If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a school bus driver, First Student is hiring. We encourage interested individuals to explore these opportunities. Community referrals will only help to expand the pool of qualified drivers.

We sincerely appreciate the patience and understanding our families have shown throughout these ongoing challenges. We recognize that meaningful progress must be reflected in improved service, and the District remains committed to working closely with First Student while exploring additional options to resolve these issues and provide the reliable transportation our students and families deserve.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lenz
Superintendent of Schools