



Pine Bush Central School District

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Dear Pine Bush Learning Community,

I am writing to provide an update regarding our student transportation services. We are aware that some students have experienced delays arriving at school in the morning and getting home at the end of the school day. We understand how disruptive these delays can be for students and families, and we sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

The primary challenge we are currently experiencing is a shortage of bus drivers. Our transportation provider, First Student, is actively working to address this staffing shortage. As part of their efforts, First Student has brought drivers from other locations to our community to provide additional support and help improve the reliability of our transportation services.

The District is continuing to work closely with the First Student leadership team to monitor the situation and identify solutions. We have made it clear that the level of service we are currently experiencing is not acceptable and does not reflect the service we expect our students and families to receive. We have also communicated our expectation that updates from First Student are provided to the affected families more timely and consistently.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as First Student works to stabilize staffing and improve transportation operations. Our students' safety and timely transportation remain a priority, and we will continue to advocate for the reliable service our students and families deserve.

Thank you for your continued patience and partnership.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lenz
Superintendent of Schools