## New Hampshire School Administrative Unit #15

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Dear Parents,

As I stated in my August 25<sup>th</sup> letter to parents, bus routes may be subject to change due to the significant bus driver shortage. It has been a challenge for Student Transportation of America (STA) which provides bus service for the district to hire bus drivers. Late yesterday afternoon, I was informed by STA that the district will be short bus drivers when school opens on September 6<sup>th</sup>. After numerous conversations with STA's management team, we were able to come up with a solution which would provide coverage for the majority of our bus routes. Unfortunately, this requires the district to suspend bus transportation in the **afternoon** for those students who attend high school in Manchester.

I didn't make this decision lightly. I am well aware of the negative impact this decision will have on your children and your families, as you will now need to arrange transportation home for the foreseeable future. The lack of bus drivers has presented an unprecedented challenge which has led to this decision. I will continue to work on finding a solution to this problem.

The suspension of **afternoon** bus service will be go into effect on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 6</u>, <u>2022</u>. Students will still be transported to school in the morning.

Sincerely,

William J. Rearick

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