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Dear Scraggy Hill Families,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I have some exciting news to share regarding our updated procedures for transportation and school lunches.

After much thought and consideration, we will be combining the bus runs to a single run, following our normal pre-COVID schedule. Data from the past several weeks shows low ridership on both bus runs, making it feasible to combine the bus runs while maintaining strict health and safety precautions. This change will take effect beginning Monday, February 8 and includes both the morning and afternoon bus routes. Students are asked to sit with their siblings. Parents will continue to drop off students in the traffic circle. If your student was a Round I pick-up your pick-up time should remain the same. If your student was picked up in Round II please be at your stop by 8:35 am. Over the course of the week we will all be able to fine tune the time.

If you have not been utilizing your scheduled district transportation, and at any time would like to resume riding the bus, you must call the transportation office at 631-791-4261 to ensure that there is space available on your regular bus. Please understand that the District will provide transportation to all students who wish to ride the bus, but for the safety of all we may need to place your student on another bus with less riders.

In addition, we are very excited to announce that classes will begin rotating weekly through the cafeteria. They will sit with students from their class and will maintain the 6 feet social distancing guidelines. We will continue to follow our health and safety procedures, including frequent cleaning of eating surfaces.

We will continue to provide hot lunches for all students. While in the cafeteria the children will be able to purchase snacks. The classroom teachers will communicate ahead of time when it is their scheduled week in the cafeteria so families can plan accordingly.

Some other important reminders for the remainder of winter:

- Students will be going outside for recess and Physical Education if the “feels like” temperature is 20 degrees or above. Please remind them to dress appropriately.
- Student drop off is at 8:55 am and we begin releasing students at 3:15 pm. If you plan on picking your child up early, please do so by 2:45 pm as the traffic circle begins to fill.

- Our new security vestibule is operational. If you need to drop something off you may leave it in the security vestibule. If you need to pick up your child early please be prepared to enter the security vestibule with identification.
- Please check our Virtual Backpack for a notice regarding Yearbook club and their request for photos.

I am confident that both of these changes will restore a bit of normalcy to our students' days. Thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times.

Stay well,

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