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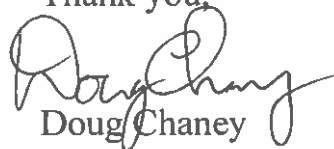
Parents,

As you know, we started the year off running mud routes since we have a shortage of bus drivers. I called them mud routes because I knew everyone was familiar with them and their locations. The state has informed me that I should not call them mud routes but to refer to them as centralized pickup points. I was truly hoping that we would get some applicants to drive busses and we could resume regular routes. We have not received any applicants at this time and will continue to use centralized pick up points.

With that being said, we have been visiting with other districts that pay mileage and we're working out our process for that. Attached is an application for each family to fill out in order to receive reimbursement. Please fill out and return to the address on the application ASAP. Patrons will need to be 2.5 miles or more from their centralized pick up point by way of the shortest route to be eligible. Patrons that live outside our district boundaries will be reimbursed from the district line to the centralized pick up point. The district reimburses one trip per family per day to the pick up point and from the pick up point. Since preschool students are only transported one way, we will reimburse either to the pick up point or from the pick up point but not both ways. This is what the state allows. The district will make one reimbursement payment in July for the entire year. As we get closer to the end of the year we will provide a voucher and more information on getting your reimbursement.

I apologize for any inconvenience but also encourage anyone who would like to apply to drive a bus to contact Kelly Hayes at 620-357-8395.

Thank you,


Doug Chaney
Superintendent