September 4, 2020

Dear MSAD #1 Students and Parents,

I hope you all are doing well. The staff at MSAD #1 anxiously awaits having students back in all of our schools on Tuesday. It has been a long time since we have had in-person instruction in our district and I know that many are looking forward to resuming a bit of normalcy.

I am writing to remind parents of the challenges associated with transporting our students on our buses this year. We are still developing our transportation routes and we need to have some time to refine and finalize these routes. We plan to operate our buses at 50% capacity and many parents have volunteered to drive their children to school to assist us in safely getting all students to school. Typically, we transport students in the district wherever they need to go, especially after school. In the past, we have transported students to friends' houses, community centers, and various events, all with an approved note from a parent or guardian. Since we are operating our buses at 50% capacity, we are asking parents to restrict bus changes unless it is absolutely necessary. We understand that a student may need to be dropped off at a grandparent’s house for supervision-related reasons. What we are trying to avoid is parents asking to have students dropped off at locations for after-school related activities.

We hope that this change is temporary and something that we may be able to adjust as the school year progresses and the amount of COVID-19 cases stays low.

I wish you all a safe and successful 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Ben Greenlaw
Superintendent