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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you of a change in our reopening plans regarding temperature checks on our school buses. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the District has three less bus drivers and one less bus monitor at our disposal from a transportation department that was already short staffed. In light of this development, we will not be able to take student temperatures prior to them entering the school bus as we initially indicated. The driver alone will not be able to manage driving responsibilities and take temperatures; and we simply do not have the staffing resources to accommodate a second person on each bus to take temperatures. With this reduction in staff, we will need all available drivers for our normal bus runs with the hopes we have a limited need to do secondary bus runs in order to get all students into school on time.

All students coming to school on school transportation will still have their temperatures taken before they enter school every day. We ask that parents, if possible, check their child's temperatures and ensure they have reviewed the health screening questionnaire (posted on District website) for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 daily. Parents should do this daily regardless if you use school transportation. If a temperature of 100 degrees or greater is registered or your child otherwise feels ill, please keep your child home and consult with your health care provider. Any student using school transportation that presents with a temperature of 100 degrees or greater will be isolated from others in the building specific isolation room until parent pick up can be arranged.

I appreciate your continued patience, flexibility and understanding with the changing dynamics we continue to mitigate throughout this pandemic.

Thank you,

Ronald Wheelock  
Superintendent of Schools