

# South Fork School District 14

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South Fork Community,

As mentioned in previous correspondences, the district is facing transportation issues. Currently, we have been able to continue to provide regular transportation in the AM and PM for students living in Kincaid. This is a practice we will continue as long as we have the personnel to do so.

The reason for this letter is to inform all Kincaid bus-riding families that situations may arise where personnel is not available to run these routes for the district. We currently have 1 full time bus driver and another person filling in. If and when one person is not available, we will run a bus that only picks up the outliers within our district. These pickups will be Jeiyville, Bulpitt and Tovey. Other bus riders will need to walk to school or have their own transportation. A bus route map showing the emergency routes will be published on the district webpage.

Please know we understand the situation this puts families in and do not make this decision lightly. Unfortunately, circumstances have put us in this position to make this hard choice. In saying that, we will make every effort to inform families as soon as we know we will need to adjust. Hopefully, we have days, even weeks, to plan and inform the public of changes; however, we all know things can change in the shortest amount of time.

When changes do need to be made, we will provide a crossing guard in the school zone to cross State Highway 104. We will also use School Reach, Facebook, and the district webpage to update all parties.

Secondly, the district is in a position to stop providing the nightly shuttle services for extra-curricular practices. With the start of games for multiple sports, we will need to utilize the driving staff we currently have to transport teams to and from games. Hopefully the district can locate a qualified candidate to drive these routes and this service can continue at a future date.

In conclusion, we appreciate your cooperation and patience with these difficult decisions the school is making. At South Fork, we want to provide opportunities for success at all levels. While these changes hinder our ability to provide extra bus services, they do not affect your child's daily learning.

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