



Serving as coordinator for the Statewide Transportation System
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because your student rides a school bus that is included in the state's out-of-district statewide student transportation system. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of the inclement weather policies for this system. Many of the policies are consistent with your past transportation experience but some may be different because there are students from **multiple districts** on many of the statewide buses. Please read the policies below. In order to avoid confusion and errors during inclement weather, it is imperative that schools, parents, and guardians understand and comply with the policies.

School Closing: If **either** your resident public district or your student's destination district is closed, there will be no transportation provided that day. If your school of attendance makes the choice to stay open, even though the district it resides in is closed, please note there will be **no** transportation provided that day.

School Delay: Because students from multiple districts may ride on your child's bus in the morning, if **any sending district** represented on that bus is delayed, all students riding that bus will be on a delayed schedule following the latest district delay time (i.e. If one district on your route has a one hour delay and another has a two hour delay, everyone on the route will follow the two hour delay.) Attached to this letter is a list of buses going to your child's school. Your particular bus and all the districts represented on it are **highlighted**. Please keep this available as you must check the status of **each** of the **districts highlighted** to determine if your child's bus will be delayed.

Early Release: Because students from multiple districts may ride your child's bus home, if any district represented on your student's bus releases early, all students on that bus will be released early following the district with the earliest release time (i.e. If one district on your route releases at noon and another at 1:00pm, the bus will follow the noon release time.) Again, your particular bus and all the districts represented on it are **highlighted** on your attached sheet. You must check the status of **each** of the **districts highlighted** to determine if your child has an early release.

Also be aware that if the **district** your child's **school of attendance** is in releases early, the students from your school riding statewide buses will be released early. **If an individual school makes the choice to release early, even though the district it resides in is not releasing early, buses will arrive at the school and get students home at their regular time, not early. The parent/guardian is responsible to plan accordingly for this situation.**

Where to find Information:

Public school districts post school closings, delays and early releases on the following:

- NBC Channel 10 Providence weather page closing/delays tab or direct link <http://www2.turnto10.com/jar/weather/>
- ABC Channel 6 providence weather page closing tab or direct link <http://www.abc6.com/weather/closings>
- Local radio stations

Please check these sites for the status of districts and schools. Remember to check the status of the districts represented on your student's bus, as well as the district your child's school of attendance is in, to determine your transportation status. The school your child attends will also have this information and will know which districts are represented on a bus.

A list of frequently asked questions is also included in this mailing. We hope the examples illustrated are helpful. If you have any questions please call the TransPar System Manger Office at 401-222-5024. Your child's safe transportation is our top priority.

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