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Ms. Alisha DiCorpo
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear NMPS Families and Staff:

We have been hard at work attempting to streamline communication regarding transportation changes. As such, we have a working process in place for the daily changes to bus information. All website pages have a pop-up that notifies parents of the transportation page that will now have all updates on current bus runs that have issues/concerns. We will update these daily as needed at 5:30 AM for morning bus runs, 11:00 AM for afternoon bus runs, and then again at 7:30 PM for any new changes for the next day. Please go to the transportation page to view: <https://www.newmilfordps.org/transportation>

Additionally, All-Star Transportation has worked with us to offer an option for buses that cannot run day by day throughout the rest of this school year. When your child's bus will not run, whether it be AM or PM, All-Star is creating a second bus run for us. In the AM, All-Star will pick up your child between 8:45 AM and 9:15 AM at their normal bus stop if it is a SMS or NMHS run; and between 9:50 AM and 10:30 AM if it is SNIS, NES or HPS. For the afternoon, All-Star will pick up your child at school between 3:45 PM and 4:00 PM if it is a SMS or NMHS run; and between 4:30 PM and 4:45 PM if it is SNIS, NES or HPS. If you choose to pick your child up in lieu of the PM bus run, please contact your child's school to notify them that your child should go to parent pick up. While we realize that this is not ideal, we are doing everything to try to get children to and from school. Your child will not be marked tardy if they are on the late AM runs. This service is not available if schools are delayed or dismissed early.

This will occur beginning Tuesday, January 18, 2022, and will be added to our transportation webpage for those runs that we are notified by All-Star will not run daily. We are grateful to All-Star for helping us to realize this strategy and for the bus drivers who are taking on the responsibility of the additional routes. The information will be posted on our website daily as we announce which buses will not run. We are also working on additional ways to support families beyond these second runs. More information on that will be forthcoming.

Tomorrow, Facilities Department personnel will pick up NMPS' Phase II Distribution of COVID-19 Self-Test Kits and Masks for schools. The Phase II allocation for NMPS is 28 cases of iHealth kits (90 kits per case) and 2650 masks. Distribution guidelines remain unchanged. Please reach out to your school administration if you have questions.

Thank you again for all of your support as we continue to navigate education in the pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alisha DiCorpo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Alisha DiCorpo
Superintendent