Arcanum-Butler Local Schools



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Re: Bus Driver Shortage Route Impact

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Along with school districts across the county, region and state, the Arcanum-Butler Local School District has been challenged to maintain a fully staffed transportation department. While we are able to staff our regular daily routes, we currently have a severe shortage of substitute drivers who provide service when our drivers are unable to drive on a particular day.

Despite our drivers having a great attendance record overall, there will be days that will be impacted by a driver needing to take the day off of work. Because of the shortage of sub drivers, the district will need to utilize other options for completing routes. If a substitute driver is not available, we will need to use "double routing". Double routing is when a driver from another route completes their own route and then completes the route needing covered.

Double routing will likely cause a delay in your child being picked up or dropped off for the school day. When a change in the route is needed, the school will make a One Call and use our social media accounts to inform you of the change as quickly as we can do so. Please note that any student riding a bus that arrives to school late will not be counted as tardy.

The district will continue to seek and train substitute drivers. If you know of anyone interested in learning more about driving a school bus, please contact Steve Christ, transportation supervisor at 692.5174 x 1329.

We appreciate your support and understanding, and we apologize for the inconvenience.

Yours in Education,

John N. Stephens

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