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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Transportation of Students – Bus Driver Shortage

Aaniin,

Transportation companies across the province that are contracted to provide bussing to school boards are currently experiencing a shortage of bus drivers at this time. Wasauksing First Nation is encountering similar challenges, and we have been working diligently to rectify this issue.

Currently, we have posted 2 positions for regular bus route operators, and are actively recruiting relief drivers as well. These positions will be continuously advertised until filled.

In addition to our postings, we will once again be offering training to individuals who are interested in participating in a bus driver training program. Please contact the Education Department at (705) 746-5663, if you are interested in this opportunity to become a school bus operator. Specific information will be provided as to the requirements to undertake this potential training.

Meanwhile, as we continue to face the shortage of drivers, we encourage parents to drive their children to school, or to make alternative arrangements wherever possible.

Please note that until further notice, neither the Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik school bus (WFN#1) nor the Parry Sound High School bus route (WFN#2) will be operational. We deeply regret the inconvenience that this situation may cause. We will continue to provide updates and will notify you as to when the school buses may be running once more.

We greatly appreciate your patience as we endeavour to address this important issue, as well as your efforts in making alternative arrangements wherever possible.

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Catherine Pawis
Principal, Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik