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## **Superintendent of Schools**

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.

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Dear West Orange Public School Families,

As you may be aware, school districts are experiencing driver shortages which have now been coupled with a loss of buses/vans by our contracted vendors as a result of hurricane Ida. I am happy to report that these circumstances have not impacted our school day routes.

However, I regret to inform you that presently the district cannot offer 3:45pm and 4:30pm late buses provided for middle schools and high school students. This is effective immediately. The limited resources we are presently experiencing will only permit us to provide a 5:00pm and 6:30pm bus for WOHS students.

West Orange is not alone in this predicament as many of the surrounding school districts in the tri-state area are experiencing the same dilemma. Our transportation director will continue to monitor the situation and provide a timely update should the situation improve.

The decision to make every effort to maintain the programs, rather than cut them due to the lack of vehicle transport, is truly in the best interest of the students. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause and we thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in working with us to maintain activities, sports, clubs and the like which often provide benefits for our students beyond the classroom.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.

Superintendent