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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The transportation department is working to safely and efficiently transport students to and from school. You will see some new changes this year to ensure the safety of all students, staff and residents of West Orange. Bus stops must have at least 200 feet between them, this allows for the space needed to activate the school bus lights safely to proceed from stop to stop. This practice provides a safe flow of traffic, and supports efficient timing of routes.

The large school bus will no longer be allowed to turn around in a cul-de-sac or enter unsafe streets. Backing a school bus is a safety threat to children and property. A full sized 54 passenger bus needs 115 feet to safely turn around, and the average cul-de-sac is only 90 feet (NHTSA, FHWA). The streets affected are: Rappleye Court, Kinzel Lane, Jagger Court, Coggins Lane, Bakley Terrace, Pring Court. Due to the unsafe steep hill, Rock Spring Road will also not be entered.

Finally, we will transition to route numbers from bus numbers. Route numbers are specific to the school and the route the bus travels, whereas the bus number is the vehicle identification and can change at any given time. All routes will have the school code and a number. (i.e.: WOHS 25) These route numbers will appear on bright green paper in the second window of the buses on the passenger side. This sign will list all routes covered by this vehicle.

The school codes are as follows:

WOHS	West Orange High School	KES	Kelly Elementary School
LMS	Liberty Middle School	MPES	Mt. Pleasant Elementary School
RMS	Roosevelt Middle School	RES	Redwood Elementary School
EMS	Edison Middle School	SCES	St. Cloud Elementary School
GES	Gregory Elementary School		

Examples: WOHS 24 / LMS 01 / RES 08

Please make note of these changes as we continue to fine tune our safety practices. Thank you.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.
Superintendent