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Dear families of students who ride a bus,

As you know, with our early heavy snowfall, this winter travel could be very treacherous for our buses. This, combined with a shortage of bus drivers, has caused us to put out this important message to bus families.

- Please be in contact with your bus driver to let them know if we can't make it down roads in your area and if they cannot safely reach your home without getting stuck. We realize that there will be impassable roads because of drifting, and we may still have school. We do not want to get our buses stuck with students on them.
- Please clean out your yards so that buses can enter, turn around and exit safely and not get stuck. If our buses cannot safely enter your driveway without getting stuck, please contact your bus driver and set up a meeting point. If we continually get stuck in a driveway, we will no longer attempt to enter that driveway until Spring.
- If gravel roads become too impassable, we will only travel on paved and farm to market roads. If we do this, please contact your bus driver to set up meeting points for your children.
- Because of the shortage of bus drivers and substitutes, there is a possibility that we may not be able to operate all bus routes. Though we understand the inconvenience that this would cause and we will do everything in our power to not let this happen, this is a reality of our current situation. We also may run a mini-bus (driver does not need a CDL) on a full route and only pick up students who live the farthest from school. If this situation does occur, you will be informed through our notification system. If you are interested becoming either a bus driver, please contact Rick Diegel at the Linton School at 1–701–254–4717.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mr. Diegel