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Dear Patrons,

This message is to inform everyone of our situation regarding town and rural bus routes.

As with most schools in North Dakota, we are struggling to find bus drivers. We are very fortunate to have very dedicated regular route drivers, but when they are not able to drive, it is very challenging to find sub drivers.

If we are unable to find additional bus drivers, it may significantly affect our bus routes and not allow us to deliver all students to their homes, and instead have pickup and drop-off points.

Our town route bus driver is currently out indefinitely, though we are hoping for a quick return. We will cover our town route with substitutes through Christmas (December 23rd). However, if he is not able to return and we are not able to find a fulltime driver for this route, the town route will be discontinued beginning January 5, 2026.

We will always prioritize bus routes over extracurricular trips, so if we cannot find route drivers, we may be taking multiple mini buses, school vehicles or asking parents of extracurricular teams to drive players to games.

If you are interested in being a bus driver, the school will pay for your time and expenses to gain your CDL license, school bus and passenger endorsements. If you are interested, please contact superintendent Rick Diegel at 1-701-475-2243. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rick Diegel

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