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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to take the opportunity to inform all parents and guardians of the current staffing levels of the bus company as it relates to bus drivers and an update of the bus company and the district's readiness for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Currently the bus company has a very minor deficit of school bus drivers. There are plans in place to ensure these routes are covered efficiently. The Utica City School District and Durham will be sharing staffing resources to ensure that there is sufficient coverage for all bus routes and events. Durham will also be providing additional resources from around the state to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

Durham is anticipating exceeding their minimum number of drivers required over the next three weeks which will provide any necessary spare coverage for driver call ins, athletic events etc. The district will also be hiring additional drivers for spare coverage and to provide additional assistance to Durham should the need arise.

I want to thank the parents who are assisting us by transporting their children to and from school. Over the next few weeks, we are anticipating being able to reduce and or combine some of the bus routes to free up drivers for additional spare coverage.

Should there be any buses running behind schedule we will inform the schools and utilize class dojo to get immediate communication out to parents.

The Durham Bus tracking APP is expected to be up and running in the beginning of October. This APP will allow parents to track their child's bus in real time. Additional communication and information will follow as we approach the anticipated roll out date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the following offices:

Durham School Services  
Bus Terminal  
(315) 758-1648

Utica City School District  
Transportation Department  
(315) 792-2212

Thank you, welcome back, and best wishes for a successful school year!

Best Regards,

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