



UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Utica City School District Statement on Durham Student Bussing Services

For Immediate Release:

UTICA, New York - On Thursday, September 2, 2021, Durham Student Bussing Services held a press conference to inform the public of their current status as it relates to transporting Utica City School District students beginning on September 7, 2021.

The school district understands that Durham is experiencing a driver shortage which is a statewide problem. Clearly this problem is not the fault of the Utica City School District nor its students and parents. As Durham was contracted to provide these services last January, they are obligated to resolve this issue in the quickest manner possible and to continue to provide open and transparent communication with the school district and our parents.

Durham has reassured the Utica City School District that they have a plan in place to minimize the impact of the current driver shortage. They are actively recruiting drivers at high wages with signing bonuses in order to have this issue resolved within the next 60 days, if not sooner. While the school district is requiring them to correct the situation, we ask that parents be patient with respect to their plan to overcome this problem. Durham has stated that they will continue to work hard in order to fulfil all of their obligations under the contract to provide safe and reliable transportation for each and every one of our students.

Thank you,

Utica City School District