Wednesday, September 2, 2020

The Windham School Board held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd to discuss a variety of items that are pertinent to the start of the 2020-21 school year. Please see below for the items discussed including the resolution.

- **District Transportation for the 2020-21 School Year:** The Windham School District was notified by our transportation partner, Student Transportation of America (STA), that they will not be able to provide our district with full transportation services due to staffing. As of today, STA has a shortage of 10 bus drivers for our district.

  The Windham School Board has voted to surrender transportation services *for grade 11 and grade 12 students only*. These students will be responsible to acquire their own transportation to and from school. If and when STA secures additional bus drivers, we will reinstate the district's commitment to providing all students with transportation. The board has also voted to increase the walking distance for grade 9 and grade 10 students to their bus stop from ½ mile to one mile. Based on these changes, the finalized bus routes will be available shortly. Because of the reduced number of buses currently being able to transport students the length of time for transport may increase.

  Students that are unable to attend school due to transportation issues will be able to attend class virtually. Parents will be asked to contact the absentee line and report that their students will be “remote” for the day. If the student does not appear on the remote platform for attendance, they will be marked absent.

  The Board has not made these decisions lightly and will be working with the administration to provide resolution to these changes as soon as possible.

- **Updated COVID Attendance Policy:** Effective Wednesday, September 9, 2020, the Windham School Board has adopted an adjustment to the attendance policy for the 2020-21 school year. This adjustment allows students (3-12) to attend class virtually on their in-person day, in order to follow the recommended health and safety protocols to monitor minor symptoms, and still receive credit for the school day. Parents will be asked to contact the absentee line and report that their students will be “remote” for the day. If the student does not appear on the remote platform for attendance, they will be marked absent. Students in grades K-2 will continue to follow the current attendance policy due to their full return model. Kindergarten students will not be provided technology and grade 1 – 2 student Chromebooks will be left at school after the hybrid phased-in period (September 9-25).

We look forward to the start of the 2020-21 school year!

Thank you,

Windham School District