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Mission Statement

We believe that the school experience should be safe, positive, and successful, while contributing to the physical, social, and mental well being of the child.

October 20th, 2023

Parents/Guardians of Sonora Elementary,

On occasion, over the past few years, Sonora Elementary has struggled to maintain a full fleet of buses to provide transportation for all within our school boundaries. This was mostly due to no substitute drivers available when a driver called in ill, mechanical failure, and sometimes to fulfill full day grade level field trips, and athletic team travel.

In an effort to respond to these emergency situations without shutting down a bus route, Sonora School District has created a plan to offer and provide transportation to all students with just three buses, **when there is a bus or staff shortage**, by restructuring the daily bus routes. To do so, we broke up the Blue Bus route into parts and combined these stops on the other three bus routes. We will continue to have four buses in operation when we are at full strength, only three when there is an emergency need.

When the need arises, we will notify all parents of the emergency change to our bus transportation for the day using Parent Square. We will do so as soon as we can, to give parents as much of a warning as possible. As our normal bus routes are labeled by color, this emergency change will be the 'White' bus routes, with a number system, i.e. White Route #1, White Route #2, etc.

Please click on the following link to view and identify how your student's bus stop times are affected by these changes (scroll down to the bottom of this webpage):

<https://www.sesk12.org/district/facilities-transportation/>

It is important to have a copy for yourself, we advise printing up your route, and be knowledgeable of the bus stop time changes when you are notified of the alternative plan. We will also send these documents to you through Parent Square and plan to distribute hard copies to students early next week.

Due to a scheduled need for this alternative plan, we will be utilizing this on Thursday, October 26th, for the afternoon routes only.

Have a great weekend,

Chris Boyles
Principal