Media Release
School Bus Traffic Accident

Franklin County, Kansas—On August 25, 2022, at 0732 hours, Franklin County Emergency Communications Center was notified of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Riley Road and Wyoming Road, in rural Franklin County. The crash involved a pickup and a Wellsville school bus, with several student passengers onboard.

Franklin County Sheriff's personnel responded to the scene, along with personnel from the Wellsville Fire Department, USD 289 and Franklin County EMS. No one was seriously injured in the crash. Two students were transported by ambulance to Advent Health Ottawa, for minor injuries. Neither driver was injured in the accident.

Unified School District 289 personnel began notifying the parents of all students involved, shortly after the accident occurred. Some students were released to their parents, at the scene. The remaining students were transported to school, by school bus. School staff and Sheriff personnel assisted Franklin County EMS in contacting the families of all students to ensure all medical needs were properly addressed.

All involved organizations worked together effectively to address this situation. Unified School District 289 and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office have a shared commitment to the safety and security of students, staff and the public.

Ryan Bradbury, USD 289 Superintendent
Jeff Richards, Franklin County Sheriff

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