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Dear BPS Families and Service Providers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and well. It's hard to believe the winter weather will soon be heading our way.

This letter is intended to clarify Bristol Public Schools procedures regarding transportation for students attending specialized programs in out-of-district facilities. Please know that student safety is foremost in our planning and decision-making.

- In the event Bristol Public Schools are closed, there will be no out-of-town transportation.
- In the event Bristol Public Schools are delayed, students transported to programs out-of-district will similarly be delayed. Bristol follows a 2-hour delay procedure. As such, when Bristol Public Schools are delayed, the AM pick-up time should be adjusted accordingly.
  For example, a typical 7:00 AM pick up would instead be at 9:00 AM.
- In the event Bristol does not have a delay or cancellation, however, the town in which the program is geographically located has a delay or cancellation, the pickup time will be adjusted according to the location of the town where the program is located.
  For example, if your child attends a program in Farmington and Farmington has a 90-minute delay, the regular 7:00 AM pickup would instead be at 8:30 AM. If Farmington cancels and Bristol is in session, Bristol will not transport to Farmington that day.
- In the event Bristol has an early release, students attending out-of-district programs will be picked up at noon and returned to their home in Bristol.
- In the event the town in which the program is located has an early release, the student will be picked up either at noon or the recommended release time of the town where the program is geographically located, *whichever is earlier.*

Ms. Iris White, the Superintendent of Bristol Public Schools or her designee, authorizes delays and releases. ***Please do not expect a phone call from the district further announcing delays or cancellations.*** Delays and/or cancellations are posted on the Bristol Public School website and can be accessed at https://www.bristol.k12.ct.us as well as on local news stations.

Stay healthy and well.

Sincerely,

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