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Dear Parents and Guardians of Students in the Carleton North Catchment Area,

This letter is to advise that, in September, 2015, there will be changes made to the afternoon bus routes for some of the students attending Bath Middle School, Bath Elementary School, Bristol Elementary School, Carleton North High School, Florenceville Middle School, Florenceville Elementary School and Centerville Community School.

The current busing system sees students in grades K-8 being bused home together and, through another series of bus runs, students in grades 9-12 being bused home together. Upon review of the routes and in consultation with school administration, it is our plan to send most of the students in grades K-12 home together on one bus route, similar to many other areas of Anglophone West School District. We recognize with this proposed change some students in grades K-8 will be arriving home at a different time...some a little later, some a little earlier. Having said this, most students will arrive home close to the same time as they do now.

There are several benefits of this change. Most notably, the majority of students will have the same school bus driver in the morning and afternoon. Further to this, the number of students transferring buses will be reduced, younger children will be transported with their older siblings, and the average drop-off time will be reduced by 14 minutes. There will also be financial efficiencies found with this model, contributing to our overall goal of providing the best education program possible with the resources provided.

Our plan is to roll out this system on a trial basis for the 2015 – 2016 school year. We will review the benefits and challenges of the new model during the course of the year and then plan for the future.

If you have any questions regarding the busing changes, please contact our school district transportation department.

Thank you,

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