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RE: Friends on buses

Hello Madison families!

We wanted to reach out and ask for your assistance and support.

If you recall, as part of our overall safety protocols, wherever possible, we are limiting interaction to small groups of students for close contact interaction. We are doing this, as just one of many ways, to reduce contact points and keep detailed records in the event we would need to contact trace. Teachers and bus drivers are required to keep seating charts while students are in their care. At lunch, elementary students are seated by assignment, while at the secondary level we highly encourage (and have observed) students keep regular small group seating arrangements each day. All of this allows us to quickly identify which students are together (while on school campuses) in the event we were to have a positive case reported and need to provide a close contacts list to the health department for contact tracing purposes.

Here is where we need your **HELP**. We have had an increasing number of students requesting transportation so they can go home with friends after school. **Effective immediately, we will no longer be able to accommodate students on buses where they are not regular passengers.**

For the health and safety of other students on our buses, we ask that if your student plans to have a friend to your home after school that you make arrangements to pick them up and transport them as a car rider for that day. Each bus has a list of students who are to be on the bus each day and there is a specific seating chart for both the morning and afternoon routes. When an extra student arrives to board the bus and is not on the seating chart, it creates a possible safety issue and violates our COVID-19 safety plan.

We hope you understand our position and we appreciate your support as we all work together to help keep everyone safe and healthy so we can continue to come to school safely!

We appreciate your efforts at home,
Your MCS Team