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November 14, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to provide an update about a possible job action by First Student bus drivers. To remind you, the Belmont, NH, First Student bus drivers are involved in a contract dispute. Those drivers may vote to strike this evening. If the drivers vote to strike, they might also decide to set up picket lines at other First Student New Hampshire bus terminals, including the one in Derry. If they do so, our bus drivers will not cross the picket line. Unfortunately, I may not know whether or not bus transportation will be provided until late tonight or very early Tuesday morning. I will notify all of you as soon as I have information. Regardless, we've been working to plan some accommodations if there is no bus transportation Tuesday, November 15.

These accommodations include:

- Our middle schools will be open for student drop off at 6:30 a.m. Supervision will be provided and will remain available through 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon.
- Our elementary schools will be open for student drop off at 7:00 a.m. and will remain available for late afternoon child care until 5:00 p.m. Supervision will be provided. We hope this will alleviate some pressure on parents with no alternative. I'm grateful to the support and professional staff who have agreed to help if needed.
- School principals will change the drop-off and pick-up traffic patterns to create efficiencies with this process. Without buses arriving and departing, new traffic patterns are available. Parents will receive information about this from principals as soon as information becomes available.

Thank you very much for your help and cooperation. With luck, none of this will be necessary.

Sincerely,

Laura H. Nelson, JD
Superintendent