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Date: 9/13/11
To: Bernards Township Parents
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Re: Transportation Problems

The Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) is contracted to administer and provide the transportation for our District. On September 12, 2011 Dr. Goger and I met with the Superintendent, Business Administrator and Transportation Director from SCESC for several hours to explain the problems that our District has experienced with transportation since opening on September 8, 2011. These same representatives came to our Board of Education meeting on the evening of September 12, 2011 to explain the cause of the transportation problems. While there were many contributing factors to our difficult opening it is apparent that the central problem is associated with an update of the bus routing software. Currently, SCESC is working with the software company to correct the problems as soon as possible. The following has been posted on the District website:

The Somerset County Educational Services Commission has implemented an email address to report the problems created by this summer's routing software update. The address is BaskingRidge@sc.esc.k12.nj.us. When leaving a message please include your name, your child's name, the address where they reside, the school they attend, their grade, and your concern. The transportation office will respond to your email in the order of importance. The transportation office will address emergent problems as soon as possible while simultaneously working with the routing software company to redo routes as needed. Upon completion of the routing corrections, all bused students will receive a new bus pass before the end of September.

We apologize for the difficult start we are having with transportation and thank you for your patience as we work to improve the situation.

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