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Dear Suburban Parents,

There are questions about transportation I hope I can shed light on some issues.

**When the home district schools have a planned day off but the Hartford schools and SMSA are in session.**

Example : Your home district is off for any number of reasons that are planned as part of their regular school calendar but our school is open : Examples Jewish Holiday, Columbus Day, Teacher’s professional development in-service full day, full day Parent Conferences, Winter Vacation in February, Spring Vacation in April

**SMSA buses will run and pick students up at the regular time in their hometown district and return students home on the regular schedule.**

**When there is inclement weather or other emergency canceling school at your home district.**

Example : The home school district cancels school for the entire day due to any of the following: Snow storm, ice storm, hurricanes, loss of power at the school and in the community, other natural or man-made disaster.

**SMSA buses will NOT pick up students at their district bus stops and bring them to school.** If students cannot make it to school they will be given an Excused Absence. A parent can elect to bring their child to school but remember, **IF THERE IS NO TRANSPORTATION IN THE MORNING THERE IS NO TRANSPORTATION GOING HOME** and parents will need to pick their child up at 2:50 dismissal.



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**When your home district opens school late, but our school (SMSA) opens at the regular time and/or earlier than your district schools opens.**

Example : Hartford is opening on time but Manchester is opening one hour late.

**The bus will pick students up on the district schedule, one hour late. Students will be marked with an Excused late to school when they arrive at SMSA**

Example : Hartford is opening one hour late but Enfield is opening two hours late.

**The bus will pick students up on the district schedule, two hours late. Students will be marked with an Excused late to school when they arrive at SMSA.**

**When the home district dismisses early but Hartford dismisses later or at the regular time.**

Example : Middletown is dismissing at 11:00 am due to an impending storm, but Hartford is not dismissing until 1:00 or will stay in session until the Regular dismissal time of 2:50 pm

**Once we receive word that another district is dismissing early we send out a voice message to the families in that town. Students stay in class until the bus arrives and then are called out of class for their early dismissal. Early dismissal are difficult as buses usually pull in one at a time and there is little predictability or uniformity in the dismissal. We dismiss one bus at a time as they arrive.**

**When a bus carrying students from 2 towns and there is a different opening time for each of the towns.**

**Example** A bus carries students from Bloomfield and Granby. Bloomfield is opening (1) one hour late but Granby is opening (2) two hours late. We go by the district that opens latest. In this case the bus will be picking kids up 2 hours late.



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**When one town dismisses early but a second town whose students also ride the same bus does not dismiss early. This is worst of all possible scenarios.**

Example: A bus carries students in Rocky Hill and Wethersfield. Rocky Hill is releasing at 12:00 noon but Wethersfield is dismissing at 1:00 pm or at the regular time.

**We try to secure transportation for the Wethersfield kids to take at the regular dismissal time.**

**If no bus is available then we have to send both the Wethersfield and Rocky Hill students home at 12:00 noon together. We send a message to both the Rocky Hill and Wethersfield parents of the early dismissal. We also ask students to call their parents via the school and/or on their cell phone. When the bus comes we call both the Rocky Hill and Wethersfield students down to get on the bus that is available to take them home.**

**When Hartford is opening late but your district schools are opening on time.**

Example Hartford is opening one hour late but West Hartford schools are opening on time.

**In this situation the West Hartford buses will run on the Hartford schedule of one hour late picking up the West Hartford students one hour late.**