



# Holly Area Schools

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November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Families of Holly Area Schools,

**This is an update for parents/guardians of students riding school buses to and from school.**

It has been our goal to avoid interruptions to our district's bus routes. Holly Area Schools began the school year with a full roster of drivers and have continued new hire efforts through this time frame. Unfortunately, we are now facing unforeseen and unanticipated transportation employee shortages. In the past week, two drivers went out on leave including a driver who fell and suffered injuries while helping a student off the bus. Our thoughts and prayers are with these valued members of our Broncho family for a healthy recovery.

Our district transportation department leaders, bus drivers and transportation staff have continued to work through these shortcomings. However, this is not sustainable in the coming weeks, and we are now forced to make the tough decision to cancel bus routes.

We apologize for the untimely and unavoidable inconvenience that this news brings to our parents, caregivers and students.

**Beginning the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> through the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will temporarily cancel two bus routes. Each week, two different routes will be cancelled as part of a weekly rotation to reduce the inconvenience to only one week for our families.**

The district has continued its campaign to hire new bus drivers offering signing bonuses up to \$5,000 and providing all drivers with attendance incentives. Please see our flyer on social media, the website, and in local newspapers. Please share this information with friends and family who may be interested in a career driving a school bus.

Attached to this letter is the schedule of the cancelled bus routes through the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. A follow-up Skylert communication will be sent the week prior to each cancelled route as a reminder.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we do our best to fully staff our transportation department and support your child's route to school.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Roper, Superintendent

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