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Dear Parent and Service Provider,

Recently there has been confusion regarding cancellations, delays and early releases of students attending programs out of district. This letter is intended to clarify Bristol Public Schools expectations for students attending programs out of district. Student safety is foremost in our planning and decision making.

- In the event Bristol Public Schools are closed there will be no out of town transportation.
- In the event Bristol Schools are delayed, students transported to programs out of district will similarly be delayed. Bristol follows a two hour delay procedure. As such, when Bristol Public Schools are delayed, the AM pick-up time should be adjusted accordingly.
For example, a 7:00am pickup would be pushed back to 9:00am.
- In the event Bristol **does not** have a delay or cancellation however, the town in which the program is geographically located has a delay or cancellation, the pickup time will be adjusted according to the location of the town where the program is located.
For example, if your child attends a program in Farmington and Farmington has a 90 minute delay. The regular 7:00am pickup would be pushed back to 8:30am. If Farmington cancels and Bristol is in session, Bristol will not transport that day.
- In the event Bristol has an early release, students attending out of district programs will be picked up at noon and returned to their home in Bristol.
- In the event the town in which the program is located has an early release, the student will be picked up either at noon or the recommended release time of the town where the program is geographically located, *whichever is earlier.*

Dr. Sue Moreau, the Superintendent of Bristol Schools or her designee, authorizes delays and releases which are posted on the Bristol Public School Website and can be accessed at www.bristolk12.org as well as on local news feeds.

As such, the delay or early release announced as above is considered appropriate notice; a call from the District is not required.

Respectfully,

Dr. Michael Dietter
Director of Special Services