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Dear Parents/Guardians,

No doubt you have heard reports that yesterday (4/24/19) the union representing bus drivers, who are employees of Durham Transportation, voted to authorize a strike.

They are NOT on strike at this time. No date has been announced for a potential strike as they are currently in negotiations! The school district is not party to those negotiations.

I highly recommend that all families of school children be prepared for the uncertainty a potential strike of bus drivers may cause. Make a plan!

Our intention is to keep schools open!

A plan should include:

- Alternative transportation to school (if you do drive your children to school, please be prepared to follow directions about temporary new drop-off and pick-up procedures).
- Please be aware that transportation for class trips and athletic events may be compromised
- Dealing with the unexpected

Our district web site will be posting regular updates; the situation may change quickly, we will send out email and voice messages, I recommend checking the web site regularly.

It may be that drivers decide to protest and picket. That might not mean a strike is underway.

If the bus drivers do authorize a strike we will inform parents immediately!

To recap this information be prepared for alternative transportation, if necessary. Be flexible.

We will be providing more details as this situation unfolds.

Above all, together, let's demonstrate calmness for our kids.

We will get through this.

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