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Parent/Guardian of Private and Parochial Students,

The Averill Park Central School District will be implementing a new process for the morning pick-up of private and parochial school students for the 2022-23 school year.

Instead of picking up students at their homes, school buses will be stopping at designated pool bus stops next year – likely being at one or more of our school buildings. These locations are well lit and have overhangs to shelter students from inclement weather. More information on pool stops, including their official locations, will be communicated over the summer.

Throughout the country, school districts are experiencing a bus driver shortage. In September, school districts in New York state were 15 to 20% below full staffing levels and that number has only increased throughout the current school year. The Transportation Department has worked through many solutions to this issue, including altering bus runs, and pick-up and drop-off locations. This is the next step needed to ensure the District can successfully transport all students to their destinations.

One major impact of picking up private and parochial school students at their homes and getting them to their respective schools on time is that school buses arrive at the High School and Middle School much earlier than they should. With students arriving at school so early, they are being forced to congregate in large group areas which has resulted in a chaotic start to the school day, as well as an increased number of disciplinary issues. This change in process will allow school buses to arrive at the High School and Middle School with students exiting directly to breakfast or their first class.

Please note that this is for morning pick-up only and afternoon drop-off will continue as normal. We understand that this will be an adjustment for both parents and students, which is why we are making this decision nearly four months prior to the 2022-23 school year.

Please know that much thought and deliberation went into this decision and the District feels it is in the best interest of our student body as a whole. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Transportation Department at 518-674-7070.

Sincerely,

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