

September 15, 2022

Dear Parents,

For several years, SPI has been paying North Adams Community School District to transport SPI students from Belmont to SPI in the morning and from SPI to Belmont in the afternoon. Up until this year, ridership has warranted the need for these morning and afternoon routes. While the afternoon route has an adequate amount of riders thus far in the 2022-23 school year, the morning route does not. On most days of this school year, no SPI students have ridden the bus from Belmont to SPI for the morning route.

At SPI's School Board meeting on September 12, 2022, a discussion was held on whether to continue to offer the morning bus service. Beginning October 3, 2022, the morning bus route from Belmont to SPI will not be offered. The last day that the morning bus service will be offered is September 30.

SPI did not take this decision lightly. Families who were likely to make use of the morning route have been contacted about the possibility of the cancellation of this route. If you were planning to use the morning bus route, please make alternate arrangements. If you need to bring your children earlier in the morning, we have Before School Care (\$1 for 15 minutes) beginning at 7am. Carpooling with another family could be an option as well.

To review: There will be no morning bus route from Belmont to SPI beginning October 3. The afternoon bus route will continue transporting students from SPI to Belmont.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Ian McDonald or me.

Growing in Christ,

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