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To HCS parents from the Transportation Committee

Dear Parents,

Many things are being done in this unprecedented time that are things we could not have imagined in years past. In the current state of the pandemic, many questions are looming in everyone's minds. Measures are being taken to help insure the safety of our children. There will be changes to transportation as well as schooling. We wish to communicate here regarding some of these.

First, we will be instructing students to stay seated with their own families instead of with their friends or children from their grades. We hope that this measure will help reduce student contact with one another. Second, the practice of dropping catechism students off at churches will be discontinued this year. This, also done in the interest of limiting the potential of spreading sickness.

There is planned the installation of hand sanitizer dispensers near the bus doors. Children will be required to use hand sanitizer as they are boarding the bus. Also, in accordance with state rule, children who are medically able to do so will be required to wear face coverings on the bus, as they will be in close proximity with other students. This will apply to all ages of children, as the rules dictate that even younger children are required to have face coverings when in common areas with other students.

All busses will be cleaned and disinfected between each bus route. An EPA approved disinfectant will be applied with an electrostatic sprayer, and emphasis will be placed on contact surfaces, such as hand rails, doors, and windows.

We understand that many of these measures can be inconvenient. These rules are being put in place in the interest of the health and safety of our children, and we can be sure that the local health department is going to be vigilant in the enforcement of the rules. We covet your prayers as a board and committee, and it is our hope that we as parents are given the grace to submit to the rule God has placed over us.

In Christ's service,

The Transportation Committee

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