## **Palisades School District Transportation Helpful Hints**

**TRANSPORTATION AND BUS STOP EXCEPTIONS:** Stop exceptions may only be approved for daycare needs and custody situations. ➤ Please return bus stop exception forms for SY 22-23 as soon as your arrangements are finalized. The forms are available at each school, or on our website on the student services tab, under transportation services. Even if stop exception arrangements stay the same, we need a newly signed completed form each year. If a stop exception will no longer be in effect, please let us know ASAP. Please have students ready and waiting at their assigned stop, in the morning, 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Electronic letters advising you of bus stop assignments, bus numbers, and pick-up and drop-off times will be e-mailed to you, prior to August 5, 2022. If a student's bus number, pick-up or drop-off time, or route change occurs during the year, you will be notified by e-mail and a phone call.

**WEATHER RELATED NOTIFICATION:** The following are the guidelines used and will act as a procedure for your child's transportation to and from school during inclement weather situations. The decision for the morning delay or closure is made and announced by 5:15 AM, or the previous evening by 9 PM. Phone call communication will now go out directly to your household, as well as posted on the Palisades web site. Also, on Twitter, Facebook, the WFMZ web site, B104, Channel 6, Channel 10, and Channel 69 TV broadcasts. You may also call 610-847-5131, and press 5 for announcements. If you need to update your phone number(s) or e-mail address please contact your building secretary.

**NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION** When the Palisades School District is announcing a 2 hour weather related delay, Krapf will transport to your school on a 2 hour delay, even if your school is operating with regular hours. When the Palisades School District is announcing a weather related closure, Krapf will not provide transportation. If Palisades announces a weather related early dismissal and your school does not dismiss early, Krapf may provide service at your regular dismissal time. Krapf can also assign a specific pick up time. In the event your school will dismiss early, due to weather, or non-weather reasons, and Palisades does not dismiss early, Krapf may provide transportation at the regularly scheduled time, or if pre-arranged, offer a revised departure time. Note: Krapf does not transport non-public half day schedules automatically, each school calendar varies. We will communicate directly with your school. Households will not be notified by Palisades or Krapf. In this event, please contact your school for the exact time.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATIONS** From time to time, we will notify your household if there is a bus delay. Any delay in excess of 15 minutes, will be sent via e-mail alert, and voice alert. If the delay is less than 15 minutes, we ask that you call the transportation hotline for updates . 610-847-5131 ext. 4300.

➢ If you have a bus suggestion, safety concern, a question or would like to reach out and talk about your school bus, you may leave a voice message, on the transportation hotline 610-847-5131 ext. 4300. Messages are retrieved daily. You may also call the transportation director, Gerry Giarratana at 610-847-5131 ext.5002 or cell 267-221-2571, the Krapf bus depot Manager, Wayne Ford at 484 812-0150. Email communications to Gerry Giarratana ggiarratana@palisadessd.org or Wayne Ford Wford@krapfbus.com