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Dear Modified Spring Sports Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon. It is with great disappointment that we need to inform you we are experiencing multiple behavioral issues on our Mid-City athletic shuttle and late bus services at Twin Towers and Monhagen. The issues range from distracting and disrespectful actions directed at our Mid-City bus drivers to inappropriate actions and disrespectful behaviors towards teammates. We are also experiencing loud vulgar language, fighting and vandalism. This correspondence is to inform you that we have been meeting with Mid-City, our modified coaching staff, Building Administration and our student-athletes to correct these inappropriate behaviors. Safety is our highest priority.

From the beginning of the season, our modified coaches have been asked to communicate appropriate bus behavior and safety to their athletes. Yesterday, myself and Dan Higbie, Mid-City Administrator, along with all of our modified coaches, met with all of our modified student athletes at Twin and Monhagen to address these concerns. At this time, we fully reinforced appropriate bus behavior and safety and completely reviewed athlete expectations moving forward. **It is our hope that you can assist us in reinforcing appropriate bus behavior with your children.** In order for us to coordinate successful modified programs safely this spring, we fully need the support of our shuttle and late bus system. This busing service is a courtesy provided by the District, so that our parents are not inconvenienced, during a difficult time in the day, in getting their children to sport practices directly after school and back home from practice in the evening.

**At our meeting yesterday, we issued a zero tolerance policy for inappropriate behavior on our shuttle and late buses. Athletes exhibiting inappropriate behavior will be removed from our teams.**

Please do not hesitate to call me in the athletic office with any questions or concerns regarding our modified transportation. We will also be providing a virtual "Town Hall" meeting opportunity with myself, and Dan Higbie, Mid-City Administrator on Thursday, April 7th at 6PM. If you want an invite link please contact Tami Walter in the Athletic Office at 845-326-1533. Thank you for your help in reinforcing this serious matter with your child or children.

Respectfully,

David Coates, CMAA