

**Green Township School District** 

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety and security of our students is always our first priority. I am writing to share an important update about an incident that occurred on a bus during the drive home from our 8<sup>th</sup> grade theater trip. The school bus attempted to fit through a space that had a concrete pole on one side and several low pillars on the other side. The space was too tight and as the bus attempted to pass, it scraped the side of the bus. When the driver realized that she could not fit through the spot she reversed and scraped on the other side of the bus dislodging a small portion of the front side of a bumper. There were only cosmetic damages to the bus with all other features still working without issue. The bus returned to the school as planned to conclude an otherwise wonderful field trip for our amazing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students!

The students were checked in with by the staff and nurse on the trip at the time of the event, and there were no issues reported. Upon return to the school, the Superintendent boarded the bus to once again check in with the students on the bus. There were no concerns noted. Finally, all students were checked on by our school nurse, Ms. Burneyko upon return as well. Thankfully no one was injured in this incident.

This incident will be appropriately reported to our Board of Education, Executive County Superintendent of Schools, and New Jersey Department of Education. We are all thankful that our students are safely home with their families this afternoon. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Jennifer Cenatiempo, Ed.D.