

To whom it may concern:

Why are there no late buses running this year from Indus school to Menards parking lot? Having late buses made it easier for parents and probably had more kids participating. Some of the kids that want to participate are missing out because some parents can't drive all the way out to the school every night and other parents can't afford to drive out to the school.

There used to be an option to pay so much per quarter for a late bus so kids that needed help (tutoring) or other kids that were in sports could get a ride to town. With that option not being available, it is making some kids be left out and depressed. Due to their situation they don't dare to ask parents (knowing that parents can't drive them/they wouldn't be able to work it out).

I was told that the reason for no late bus was due to COVID.

The kids would actually be safer on a bus rather than carpooling. They all already ride bus together where there is enough room to sit so far apart. In a vehicle they may as well be sitting on each other's laps (since they are so close). Then if 1 person has COVID, the whole car of kids will be contaminated.

Is there a government program that can help with costs of gas/cost of a late bus driver? Can this option be available again? Is there some kind of fundraiser (selling candy bars) or something that can be done to have this option available?

Concerned Parent of Indus

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