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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Transportation Issue

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What is an injunction?

An injunction is a Court Order that either: (a) forbids a person or organization from taking or continuing an action that threatens or harms another's legal rights, or (b) compels a person or organization to do something to that preserves another's legal rights.

Will school be delayed?

As the School District is trying to resolve this transportation issue, we will keep everyone informed about the possibility of delaying school. We understand the difficulty of parent work schedules and possible daycare issues. If there is any change to the calendar, we will inform the community immediately. If there is no resolution to the bus transportation issue, we will delay the start of school.

Does the School District owe any money to Pennsylvania Coach Lines?

No. The Elizabeth Forward School District has honored all financial obligations to Pennsylvania Coach Lines.

When did the School District learn about this transportation issue?

The School District first received notice that Pennsylvania Coach Lines will not willingly transport students in a letter on August 2, 2019, less than three weeks before the scheduled start of school. Thereafter, the District tried unsuccessfully to resolve this matter amicably with Pennsylvania Coach Lines and avoid litigation.

Can we hire or contract with a new bus transportation company?

The School District is reviewing all options with other bus companies to find alternative means of transportation for our students.

Can the school district use a 'Virtual Day' if the start of school is delayed?

With the passage of Act 64 of 2019, section 1506 was added to the Public School Code to allow school districts the opportunity for Virtual Instructional Days. Elizabeth Forward School District is currently in the process of completing the application and will not get approval for Virtual Instructional Days from the Pennsylvania Department of Education until October 31, 2019. Therefore, virtual instructional days are not an option for the first days of school.

Will all extra-curricular programs be bussed to their events?

Elizabeth Forward School District is currently working with other transportation companies to ensure all athletic teams and our band will have transportation to the different events.

Where do I get accurate information?

Elizabeth Forward School District is committed to keeping families informed regarding this transportation issue. The district will be using its electronic communications system to notify every parent/guardian via phone, text, and email. You should continue to stay tuned to the School District's website, www.efsd.net and our district [Facebook Page](#).

It is also important to note, that there are many social media pages on Facebook where erroneous information, incomplete facts, rumors and opinions are circulating. If you have specific questions about this issue, please don't hesitate to email Dr. Keruskin at tkeruskin@efsd.net. Any common questions will be added to this document on an as needed basis.

The School District and the School Board pledges to keep you updated and hope to get this resolved as soon as possible. Our EF students and our community deserve the BEST!