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**📧 Follow-Up on 12/9/24 School Bus Incident**

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Dear CPU Families and Staff:

Following the school bus accident on December 9, 2024, involving students, I want to communicate on behalf of the district. First and foremost, we are deeply grateful that no serious injuries occurred; I believe I speak for everyone when I say this is a tremendous relief.

I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the individuals and organizations who assisted during this incident, including CPU staff, EMTs, and law enforcement. From my perspective on the scene, it was truly an all-hands-on-deck situation, requiring swift assessment, communication, and coordination. Thank you to everyone involved for their quick action and support.

In my [August 25, 2024 Newsletter](#), I outlined the district's emergency response procedures, which include detailed protocols for communication and collaboration with local authorities. A key element of these procedures is ensuring timely and accurate communication. Monday's situation was particularly challenging, as a news station obtained and shared a photo of the accident around the same time the district was notified. Additionally, many students contacted their parents directly before the district could communicate broadly.

Please know that while the district is committed to sharing information promptly, our priority remains accuracy and relevance. Despite what others may share, immediate updates from the district may not always be possible, as we must first assess and address situations thoroughly.

As winter weather arrives, I'd also like to remind families that parents and guardians always have the discretion to keep their students home during inclement weather, and this will not affect attendance. Additionally, following Winter Break, CPU High School will offer a brief session for all high school drivers, focusing on safe driving practices, particularly during winter conditions. The purpose of this session is to proactively guide and remind our young drivers to help them stay safe.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,  
John W. Elkin, Superintendent

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