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**DREXEL R-IV SCHOOL**  
*Home of the Bobcats*

October 22, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Drexel R-IV School District has determined that is in the District's best interest to reduce the number of regular bus routes from three routes to two routes, and has informed our student transportation contractor (Gunnels Bus Service) of this change. The district has made this decision as a result of our declining enrollment, which has impacted the number of students who ride a regular school bus route. We currently have one route that transports six or seven students on a regular basis, while the other routes consistently have 22 - 25 riders and 32 - 34 riders respectively.

We are aware that this change may impact and change your students route, driver, pick-up time and ride time. Currently two of our three routes have a ride time of approximately one hour, and we believe that the ride times proposed for the new routes will be approximately one hour and fifteen minutes each.

The tentative date to implement the new bus routes will be Tuesday, November 12th, 2019. In the next few days you should anticipate being contacted by a representative of Gunnels Bus Service regarding any changes to your student's bus route.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Superintendent Terry Mayfield by email at [tmayfield@drexelbobcats.net](mailto:tmayfield@drexelbobcats.net) or by phone at 816-657-4715.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Mayfield". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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