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Dear Mohawk Community,

This may seem silly to write home about, but we could use your help. Even when the roads are safe enough to travel and the temperatures are warm enough to hold school, it is still very cold out. The point of my letter is that it is also cold inside the buses.

It is not uncommon for middle and high school students to come to school wearing shorts and a T-shirt even in the winter. A significant number of middle and high school students did not wear a coat this morning. Please emphasize the importance of dressing appropriately for the weather.

Buses handle snow and winter roads well, but they do not warm up like your vehicle at home. More concerning is the thought that if a bus stalls, gets stuck, has a flat tire or the like, the temperature inside the bus will drop rapidly. Buses do not stay warm when they are sitting still.

Imagine sitting in an unheated bus for 20 or 30 minutes or longer when it is 3 degrees outside and feels like -9. Exposure can cause Hypothermia. Very simply put Hypothermia occurs when the body gets cold and loses heat faster than the body can make it.

As always, we all do better when we are working together.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cole', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Roger Cole