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Dear Parents:

I want to note the Transportation Policy regarding large musical instruments on the school buses.

Bus conduct rule #9 states that no large objects/musical instruments are to be brought on the bus. Since the buses are full, instruments have found their way to the aisles, blocking exit doors, or are loose on the bus where they pose a safety hazard.

We have worked with the Fine and Performing Arts Department in determining the following:

- *violins, flutes, and clarinets may stay on the laps
- *trumpets and alto sax may go under the seats
- *no cellos, trombones, percussion kits or tenor sax may be brought on the bus.

Please also note that large art objects, sports equipment, skateboards etc. are also not permitted.

I hope this helps in clarifying the recent confusion. Please feel free to call me if you have any further questions.

Please give me a call if you would like to further discuss this so that we can come up with a solution. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Shane Marchand
Director of Transportation