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TO: Lee County School District Staff, Parents, & Students
FROM: Dr. James Evans, Jr., Superintendent *JEJ*
SUBJECT: Accident Involving Lee County School Bus #92
DATE: May 28, 2015

I wanted to share with you the latest information we have on the school bus accident that occurred yesterday afternoon. At approximately 3:40 p.m., Bus #92 was making its afternoon route returning students home when it was involved in an accident with a second vehicle at the intersection of Highway 52 and Blaines Branch Road.

Our bus, carrying the driver and 20 students, went over an embankment and came to rest. Dispatch was immediately notified, and contacted emergency responders. School District personnel rushed to the scene as well. Central Office staff and staff at each school were placed on standby to monitor incoming phone calls and provide information to parents.

One student was taken to the Kentucky River Medical Center in Jackson, Kentucky with what was described as minor injuries. This student was treated and released that same evening. The other students and the driver were examined at the scene by Lee County EMS personnel. Those students were taken to a safe location until they could be released to their parents and/or guardians.

The accident is under investigation by the Kentucky State Police. The driver has been placed on leave, per policy, while the accident is investigated. We are extremely grateful on several counts: there appear to be no serious injuries; our students and staff handled the situation extremely well; our parents worked with district personnel in a calm and composed manner; and EMS, volunteer fire departments, local and state law enforcement professionals, and school transportation personnel responded quickly and effectively.

We believe proper training and performance is essential in all aspects of the Lee County Schools, and nowhere is that more important than in the safe transportation of our children to and from school. If there are significant changes in any of this information, we will provide another update when appropriate.

The mission of the Lee County School District is to foster trust, growth, and accountability
in partnership with students, staff, parents, and the community.

