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Press Release

Proposed changes to School bus services

The Association of Parents and Friends of ACT Schools (APFACTS) recently learnt that ACTION Buses is soon to announce a new school bus schedule which will see a reduction in services to schools in the ACT from the start of Term 3 this year.

“Whilst we understand that efficiencies need to be made and that the duplication of services needs to be addressed, the members of the Association of Parents & Friends of ACT Schools Inc (APFACTS) are concerned with the lack of community consultation and the impact of these changes on the school community” said Julie Sengelman, APFACTS Executive Officer.

APFACTS understands that decisions about which services to cut was determined through the analysis of data collected from the MyWay cards, however Julie Sengelman noted that “this data does not track the ages of the students using the services due to privacy issues and we are worried that this will mean more young children will have to use the busy bus interchanges.”

“Our members are also concerned that there will not be enough time for parents to be able to trial new routes or source an alternative method of getting to and from school as the changes in services are still to be finalised” said Julie Sengelman.

APFACTS believes that there needs to be greater transparency and consultation on what the changes are likely to be and further consideration of the impacts of these changes on the school community in the ACT.

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