

# Whitney Point Central School District

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Dear Whitney Point Community,

I would first like to thank the members of our Whitney Point Community, as well as districts in our region, for their support during this unfortunate act of vandalism to our bus garage and buses. Bob Wolf, Director of Transportation, along with the mechanics from New York Bus Sales have been working diligently to repair buses and make arrangements to borrow buses from neighboring districts in order to transport our students to school on Tuesday, May 3rd . So if a bus from another school district shows up at your door tomorrow, don't be surprised, just hop on and be thankful for our good neighbors!

The vandalism took place Saturday night and was discovered Sunday morning. It appears that a hammer-like tool was used to damage building doors and windows and to break windshields, windows, and head/tail lights on the buses and cars. In addition, there were a number of tires slashed on our smaller vehicles. In total, eighteen vehicles were damaged including 9 large buses, 5 small buses, 2 cars, 1 suburban and 1 van.

Our priority is always the safety of our students and we are examining the entire fleet to assure that all vehicles are safe for our students. We should have all our buses up and running by the beginning of next week.

We have been working with the New York State Police to review the detail of the event as well as video surveillance footage. There continues to be an on-going investigation. If you have any additional information, I would encourage you to contact them.

Thank you again for your concern, offers of help, and continued support. I will keep you posted as we move forward in an effort to resume the work we do best, school!

Sincerely

Patricia Follette

Superintendent

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*The Mission of the Whitney Point Central School District is to provide an excellent education ensuring that all children maximize their potential, become contributing citizens, and pursue lifelong learning.*