



Amalgamated Transit Union

Local 1738

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Office of the Vice- President

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Laidlaw Transit Inc.
dba First Student
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Re: MRSA

It was brought to the Unions attention that vehicle Latrobe 15 that is operated out of the Latrobe facility may have transported an individual(s) that have contracted the virus MRSA. We were also notified that the Vehicle was removed from service and disinfected before being used again and that bargaining unit employee Roger Oaks was never notified that he may very well have been exposed to MRSA.

If this information is correct which we believe it is First Student and its representatives covered up the fact that the vehicle transported an individual(s) with MRSA and a driver may have been exposed. First Student has spent a lot of money on safety that they claim will protect their employees at the same time putting them at risk of a virus that if contracted could kill them.

The Union has in its position a letter that went out to the students of the Greater Latrobe School District students that details a confirmed MRSA case. We have also been involved in discussions with individuals who have confirmed that a student who attends the Baggley elementary school has contracted MRSA.

The company's response during the 2007-08 school year fail far short of protecting their employees. The distribution of small bottles of hand cleaner was an insult to the bargaining unit employee intelligence. The thought that the cleaner that lasted a week would prevent the employees from contracting the virus is beyond comprehension. The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1738 of Latrobe will take whatever necessary steps that is necessary to protect its membership both physically and from a legal stand point. This includes notifying the media.

From The Office of the Vice-President

Sincerely,

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Vice-President
Amalgamated Transit Union
Local 1738 of *Latrobe*

Cc: Industrial Relations
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