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Dear Parent/Carer,

North Yorkshire Council – Home to School Transport Consultation

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about the ongoing transport consultation with North Yorkshire Council and its potential impact on our community. This consultation follows recent executive and full council meetings where the significant changes were discussed and voted upon.

Summary of Recent Events

- **July Executive Committee Meeting:** I attended this meeting along with the heads of Bentham, Austwick, and Ingleton schools to advocate against the proposed changes to the nearest school criteria for transport.
- **July Full Council Meeting:** Our Chair of Governors represented us, again urging the council to reconsider the criteria. Despite our efforts, the council voted in favour of the changes.

Impact on Families

- **Current Students:** The changes will not affect students currently attending Settle College.
- **Future Students:** From September 2025, some families may need to consider alternative transport arrangements if they have a closer secondary school and want to choose Settle College.

Community Support and Next Steps

I have been overwhelmed by the support from families past and present both within the consultation and especially this week since the announcement, as well as the broader education community supporting us. Given the widespread concern, I believe it is best to address all families simultaneously. We will also post this letter on our website for wider sharing.

How You Can Help:

- **Write to Local Councillors and MPs:** Some families have already taken this step. Feel free to do the same to voice your concerns.
- **Send Specific Comments to School:** If you have any specific comments, please send them to our monitored email address: admin@settlecollege.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Feel free to share this letter widely to ensure our community stays informed and engaged.

Thank you for your time and continued support.

Yours sincerely

Gareth Whitaker
Headteacher