

Dear Kenston Family,

This afternoon, Bus 26, our Kenbridge bus was in an accident.

Please join me in praying for the six children who, at present, are in the hospital being treated for injuries, and for Mr. XXXX, who is also being treated at the hospital.

At this point in time, we do not know the full extent of the injuries. We know that some of the students have suffered broken bones, cuts, and are badly bruised. Others are still undergoing testing and evaluation.

This has been a very frightening day for our school family. Please join me in a prayer of thanks to God for protecting the children and Mr. XXXX, and let us all pray for their full and speedy recovery.

Based on the eyewitness accounts and on the State Police accident investigation, I can share with you these details:

- Mr. XXXX and thirteen children were traveling on Route 40, from Blackstone, in the direction of Kenbridge.
- Eyewitnesses report that Mr. XXXX had his turn signal on as he prepared to turn left onto Fletcher Chapel Road. They report that he was driving slowly, as he began the left turn.
- The eyewitnesses report that a dump truck failed to slow down and stop, and struck the rear of the bus.
- The force of the collision was enough to tip the bus over, onto its right side.
- Our bus driver and older students on the bus made sure every child was safely evacuated from the bus.
- First Responders arrived quickly and many passersby also stopped to help. Many of them are friends and members of our Kenston Family. We are grateful to them all! Our community is blessed to have such highly trained, highly motivated and highly skilled First Responders, both in law enforcement and in our rescue squads.
- Parents and grandparents, as well as family friends, came quickly to the scene to help their children.
- The State Trooper who investigated the crash told me that Mr. XXXX did everything right, and deserves praise for safeguarding the children. The Trooper also told me that the dump truck driver has been cited.

Friends, tonight please hug your children a little tighter, and please offer prayers of healing to the children, and to Mr. XXXX.

As we learn more, we will be sure to share that information with you.

Paul

