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Community Fundraiser for American Flags for Bedford County Public School Students

(Bedford, VA)

A recent news story raised concerns about the Student Driver Contract for the Bedford County Public Schools (BCPS). The contract, which has been in place in all three of the high schools for over a decade, prohibits student drivers from flying large flags or banners on their vehicles, due to their potential to distract or obstruct the view of student drivers as they are navigating the school parking lot. The underlying concern for this rule is student safety.

As expressed in School Board Policy IEA: Promotion of Patriotism, the school division is committed to teaching students good citizenship skills that include respect for the country, the American flag, and the sacrifices of service members and their families. In partnership with several local patriotic organizations, BCPS is proud to announce a community fundraiser to provide complimentary car flags and decals of the American Flag, of appropriate size to be safely displayed on vehicles, for junior and senior student drivers.

If you would like to support this initiative, a monetary donation can be dropped off at any of the following locations:

Bedford Boys Tribute Center, 102 North Bridge Street, Bedford VA 24523
National D-Day Memorial, 3 Overlord Circle, Bedford VA 24523
Bedford Welcome Center, 816 Burks Hill Road, Bedford VA 24523
American Legion Post 54, 231 West Depot Street, Bedford VA 24523

100% of the proceeds collected will be used to purchase American flags and decals made in the United States. Students, who are interested in receiving a car flag or decal, will be notified through their school administration when these items are available for pick up at The Bedford Boys Tribute Center. Thank you for your support of BCPS students!

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