

## Coventry Board of Education

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At a little after 7:00 a.m. this morning, Bus 13, which was carrying middle and high school students, was traveling south on Main Street when it was struck by a deer. The impact broke one window on the bus and the window shattered. One student suffered a cut from the glass and three other students were taken to Windham Hospital for evaluation of possible neck and back injuries. The parents of these four students were immediately notified of the accident and some came to the accident scene.

The remaining students were transferred to another bus and transported to the middle and high school. All of those students were to be evaluated by the school nurse to ensure that they were not injured.

While this was a serious accident, it should be noted that the bus driver (Susan Milbury) did an outstanding job of controlling the bus to prevent a more serious situation. All of the first responders and the Town Manager, who were present at the scene, complimented the bus driver on her skills in preventing a more serious situation. Finally, I would like to thank all of the students who remained calm and respectful during this emergency.

Also present at the scene were Michele Mullaly, Coventry High School Principal and Carla Kennedy, Assistant Principal of the Capt. Nathan Hale School.