

School bus driver, distracted by student, crashes into other bus

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Two Greece Central School District buses were involved in a crash on Latta Road on Friday afternoon.

According to Greece Police Deputy Chief Jason Helfer, one bus collided with the rear end of the other bus at 2:51 p.m. as both were headed eastbound, just west of Dewey Avenue.

The driver of the bus that struck the other one was distracted after checking on an unruly passenger in his mirror. The bus monitor was addressing the student.

Greece schools spokeswoman Laurel Heiden said there were 85 students from Greece Arcadia Middle School on board the buses and all were evaluated at the scene by a doctor.

Eight students were taken to the hospital with complaints of pain. None of the injuries appear to be serious.

Parents of those students who were taken to the hospital were personally notified, while parents of students who were not sent to the hospital received an automated phone call, Heiden said.

The investigation is ongoing.

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