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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you know, school is scheduled to reopen on August 31st. Due to the uncertainty caused by the Covid19 pandemic, we are creating multiple plans for students to re-enter school in the Fall. One major concern is student transportation and busing. Based on the current guidance and recommendations from the Rhode Island Department of Health, only one student will be allowed on each bus seat (unless they are siblings). This will limit the number of students on each bus with our maximum bus capacity of about 30 students per bus. We will be placing the following safety protocols in place for all bus riders:

- Parents must screen students prior to entering the bus. A one-page screening tool will be provided to parents (see attached). Any student that exhibits any symptom of Covid19 should not be cleared to ride the bus or attend school.
- Students must wear masks while entering and exiting the bus. Masks can be removed while students are in seats.
- In order to maintain stable groups, students must take the same bus to school every day and the same bus home every day. Bus changes will not be allowed.
- The bus will be sanitized between bus runs and thoroughly cleaned prior to the next run.

In order to properly plan for next year's bus routes, we are requesting that only those students that have no other way to get to school register for the bus. If your child needs to take the bus next year, you must register for the bus by July 31st. If the requests for bus transportation exceeds our bus capacity, a lottery (or other mechanism) will be designed to determine bus ridership. Please note, that this will only occur if the number of bus requests exceeds available bus seats.

We are asking every family to fill out our [Bus Registration Form](#), whether you want your child to take the bus or not. Please fill it out **ONLY ONCE** per household - there will be an opportunity to add each child in the household. **Please click the link above** to fill in the appropriate information.

Once we establish bus routes, you will be contacted with your respective assigned bus route and information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation; your flexibility and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

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