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Dear Parent/Guardian of: **2020/2021 Edgar Returning Bus Students,**

We will be offering our subscription bussing service for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year pending approval from the County DOE office for those that reside in an area of Metuchen that are eligible for bussing. There will be no charge to parents for the remainder of this school year only. We cannot guarantee social distancing on the buses as there are not enough busses in the state to allow this. Masks will be REQUIRED to ride the bus to and from school. Parents, please check your child's temperature before they leave for the bus stop.

If you are receiving this letter, you reside in an area of Metuchen that is eligible for subscription busing.

Applications are due back by Thursday, April 8, 2021. Seats are reserved on a first come, first served basis.

For student safety, completed bus rosters must be submitted to the bus contractor by April 20, 2021. Therefore, any registration received after April 12, 2021 will not be issued a bus pass.

Please take note of the following:

1. Bussing would resume on Monday, April 26th which is also contingent on the school district allowing all students to attend in person learning every day.
2. The 2020/2021 approved budget includes 9 buses for Campbell and 8 for Edgar. Seats are reserved on a first come, first served basis.
3. We cannot guarantee your child will be on the same route and picked up at the same time as last year.
4. Children in grades 1 and 2 must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian or designated adult to and from the bus stop. We highly recommend that children in grades 3 and 4 also be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian or designated adult to and from the bus stop. Parents with children in grades 5-8 should use their judgment in determining whether their child/children must be accompanied by an adult to and from the bus stop.
5. Unforeseen circumstances may cause buses to be late or even miss a stop or stops. In the past, unusually heavy traffic, road closures, utility work, inclement weather, mechanical problems and new drivers or substitute drivers are the primary cause of the delays. We communicate, on a continuous basis, with the bus company to resolve any problem. It is imperative that your family has a plan in place to deal with unforeseen circumstances regarding bussing. Please be sure that your child is aware of your plan.
6. **All bussing is pending approval by the County DOE.** Please have a backup plan in place in case bussing cannot be provided

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the Edgar Bus Registration.

If you have any questions, contact the Transportation Office at mplancher@metboe.k12.nj.us

Thank you,

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