



Barrington Public Schools

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Good evening,

I have an important transportation update for our families. Over the past three weeks, we have been reviewing all of Barrington's bus transportation routes and student ridership data in relation to bus capacity. This work included a review of all AM and PM bus assignments, in addition to cross-referencing submissions from families regarding any concerns they may have with current bus routes.

In reviewing our present student ridership data, we have identified an opportunity to add capacity to our secondary bus runs. We will be able to reduce the ridership eligibility distance to 1.5 miles (from 2 miles) for secondary-level students. We have also standardized the process of measuring distances from assigned schools to a student's home. Through the measurement tool utilized by our transportation company, distances will be calculated from the designated property line of a residence to a designated property line of the student's school.

By the end of the week, I am hopeful that we will be able to announce and implement a new bus schedule. Please be aware that the bus company needs time to make these changes (adding ridership and re-examining routes). We are presently engaged in working with Ocean State Transit to synchronize revised routes with their routing software and to ensure bus drivers are prepared to drive their new routes. Additionally, we are continuing to conduct safety reviews for those that are identified as being under the eligibility distance.

We anticipate that updated routes will be implemented early next week. As soon as we have finalized the rosters, we will inform you of the updated routes and stops.

We appreciate your patience as we work to improve our transportation system.

Thank you,

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