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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In preparation for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, we would like to share important information regarding school bus transportation. The District is reviewing and finalizing the 2019-2020 bus routes. Prior to August 16th, the District will provide bus routes to North Reading Transportation (NRT) who will review the routes with its bus drivers. After review by the drivers, NRT will provide the District with any change recommendations, which we will review and implement if determined to be feasible by the District. The routes will be finalized and available on the District's website on Monday, August 19, 2019.

We are asking families to review the ***Bus Transportation Policies and Transportation Practices and Guidelines (see links below)*** prior to the first day of school. The District will communicate additional school bus transportation information on **August 9, 2019**, and again on **August 19, 2019**. In the meantime, we encourage you to reach out to the Superintendent's Office at (508) 486-5115 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Respectfully,

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To ensure a smooth transportation start to the 2019-2020 school year, the District:

- Has taken back the responsibility of routing all students, which is a significant change from last year where all routing of students was completed by NRT. This change allows the District to have more control over the routing process.
- Updated its Bus Transportation Policies and developed Transportation Practices and Guidelines. These are available at: [Northborough](#), [Southborough](#), and [ARHS](#) .
- Will meet with NRT bus drivers on August 10, 2019, to communicate the District's school bus transportation expectations.
- Will launch a streamlined process for parent(s)/guardian(s) to request a bus stop change, communicate a concern, and for the communication of school bus changes to parent(s)/guardian(s).