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To: Parents of Beacon Students who use local school bus transportation

From: Tina Go

Date: July 23, 2010

Re: Directions on how to obtain busing for your student(s)

Unlike other years, where the school makes the arrangements for your son or daughter's busing, the State Dept. of education is asking that each family make arrangements through the RIDE website.

Students from participating school districts who are eligible to use the statewide transportation system next year may request transportation through the statewide website at:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Finance/Transportation/default.aspx>.

The website is now open to take transportation requests for next fall. We are asking parents to register for transportation directly through the RIDE website. If parents have problems with the website or do not have access to a computer, you may call the statewide office at 401-222-5024. Student lists and route information will be available to schools upon request.

Here are a key dates and points of information:

- The deadline for transportation requests is August 6, 2010. Transportation request forms submitted after August 6, 2010 will receive the closest point of pick up or a depot stop location for a temporary bus stop. For registrations received after August 6th, students will receive their permanent bus stop information by September 13, 2010.
- Bus route and stop time information will be mailed the third week in August.
- Pre kindergarten students are not eligible for transportation.
- Parents who are new to the statewide system will receive a letter with information about the system shortly after their request is submitted.

- In order to keep ride times within reasonable limits, bus stops which are used infrequently, less than once a week, will be deactivated and student assigned to the nearest active bus stop.
- The historic transportation regions established by law are still in place which means that transportation will only be provided within regional boundaries. Please see the list of cities and towns who participate in the state-wide busing system.

For questions and additional information please contact the statewide system manager's office.

Phone: 401-222-5024 Fax: 401-222-5025

Email: transinfo@ride.ri.gov

Attached is a list of school districts who, at this time, will be participating in the statewide system next year. In the event that additional districts enter the statewide program, the website listing will be updated.

Bristol-Warren
Burrillville
Central Falls
Chariho
Coventry
Cranston
Cumberland
East Greenwich
East Providence
Exeter West Greenwich
Foster
Jamestown
Johnston
Little Compton
Middletown
Newport
North Providence
North Smithfield
Portsmouth
Scituate
Smithfield
South Kingstown
Tiverton
West Warwick
Woonsocket