



Livingston PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Livingston Public Schools Families:

We are extremely excited to welcome our students back to school tomorrow.

Please take the time this evening to review all of the information on bussing as well as pick-up and drop-off times and procedures. Additionally, I am requesting your patience, understanding, and assistance as we work through all of these transportation logistics together.

Inevitably, every year, arrival and dismissal on the first few days of school presents some challenges. This is understandable as parents and guardians are just learning drop-off and pick-up procedures, determining their morning and afternoon timing logistics, and our staff is just getting to know our students and where they go after school. Similarly, our bus drivers are meeting the students for the first time, establishing procedures on their busses, reviewing safety rules, and honing in on the optimal timing of their routes.

Even with the best intentions, a small delay can create a chain reaction and backups may happen. Although routes look complete and seamless on paper, often reality intervenes and presents unanticipated issues. We will be monitoring this closely, and will be ready to make adjustments accordingly.

We have made every effort for transportation to be as smooth as possible in the coming days. Our Transportation Department has been hard at work all summer preparing routes, training drivers, and reviewing every detail of every bus route. We have partnered closely with the Livingston Police Department to anticipate traffic issues and plan for the significant volume increases that come with the opening of school. Our building principals have also focused on creating thoughtful pick up and drop off procedures, and communicating those to our families.

Again, we ask for your patience and assistance as we navigate transportation for the opening of school. Please know that, over time (usually by week two), as people develop their routines, pick up and drop off will become faster, easier, and more efficient. We all want transportation to be smooth and safe for our children. Sometimes this takes practice.

If any concerns arise with bussing over the coming days, please reach out directly to the Transportation Department a 973-535-8000 x8013. For pick-up and drop-off issues, parents and guardians can reach out to their child's school directly.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership as we begin, what I am confident will be, an outstanding 2019-2020 school year.

Sincerely,

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