

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

The beginning of another school year is approaching quickly. Here are just a few reminders and updates that may help with the many changes taking place this year.

If your children were town walkers in either Sterling or Standish, please check any of the school buildings for the postings of town walker bus stops. If you do not see your child's name on the list, please give me a call so we can check your address and update your information. If you have not checked the list already, please do so soon so the correct information is in place before the start of the school year.

As mentioned before, when students reach their bus stop in the afternoon, young children must be accompanied by an older sibling or an adult must be present. If a sibling or adult is not present, young students will be kept on the bus and returned to the school at the end of the bus route and the parent contacted. If this becomes habitual, it may be necessary to contact the proper authorities.

As most parents are aware, the bus loading process in the afternoon can be a lengthy process for the first week or so. Your child's bus will be running a little later than normal during this time.

It is very helpful to keep your child's bus stop at one location if possible. When children are getting on and off at two or more locations, it increases the possibility of students being on the wrong bus. This can create much chaos and can be very upsetting for young children. If it is necessary to use an alternate stop, please contact your child's school at least 24 hours in advance. Changes made on the day of the request may not be granted. Please keep in mind that we are transporting hundreds of students so any changes creates a disruption in the normal day.

For students attending Sterling Elementary (PreK and Kindergarten), there will be shuttle buses at the Central Elementary School that will transport students to and from Sterling. There will be no other buses stopping at the Sterling Elementary. We appreciate your cooperation and patience. Thank you!

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