

June 26, 2009

Dear Abington Public School Parents/ Guardians:

This letter is to provide you with the latest information with regard to school bus transportation for the 2009-2010 school year. As you may be aware, this summer we are faced with a unique and unavoidable building assignment issue for North Elementary School students. At the June 15, 2009 Abington Town Meeting, it was voted to hold a Proposition 2 ½ override vote on July 25, 2009, in the amount of 1.7 million dollars for the school department, police department, fire department and the library. Successful passing of the override will mean that the North Elementary School will remain open; therefore impacting our ability to assign grade 2 and North School students to schools and create bus routes for the next school year.

Following the override decision, families affected by the vote will be informed via a mailing of their child's school assignment. Students currently attending North School and all incoming grade 3 students' bus applications will be due by August 7, 2009. All other bus applications are due on July 15, 2009. As a reminder, grade K-6 students who live within two (2) miles of their assigned school and ALL students in grade 7-12 planning on riding a bus must complete and return to the Superintendent's Office, a bus application and include the appropriate fee (\$255 per student, \$510 family cap).

Our goal is to minimize the confusion and anxiety, to the extent possible, in these uncertain times. We understand that both students and parents are apprehensive about the possibility of changes. On August 31, 2009, the ECC and upper elementary schools will be holding open houses for all students. More information will be provided later in the summer.

Please feel free to contact the Superintendent's Office should you have questions.

Thank you,

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