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Greetings!

We hope this letter finds you all safe and well, and looking forward to the new school year!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our returning families and to extend a warm welcome to new families by offering some helpful information to ensure a safe and happy busing experience.

At the Transportation Department, we have been preparing all summer long for an efficient and enjoyable beginning to your child's school year. This notice serves to assist you, as a parent/guardian in understanding your responsibilities in contributing to the safety and success of your child's transportation. Please take the time to go over the rules and regulations as well as the school bus safety brochure that are posted on the district website www.barnegatschools.com under transportation for additional information.

For our PK-2nd grade students, for the afternoon drop-off please make sure that a parent/guardian is there to receive your child at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival. If no one is present, the driver will continue his or her route. Every effort will be made to contact you to let you know of this event. If no contact has been made, your child will be transported back to the originating school. Please make proper arrangements for your child when there is an emergency closing, such as a snow day. If there is to be a new permanent pick-up/drop off location, arrangements must be made, in writing, using the request for child care transportation form that can be located on the district website.

If anyone other than the parent/guardian will be at the bus stop to receive your child, a letter must be written and signed with specific contact information. Prior to approval, the letter needs to be sent to the appropriate school and the Transportation Department. Please refer to our website to add additional persons for bus stop pick ups.

As we continue to move our department forward, this year we have added the Transportation Code of Conduct to the Parent Portal for your review and signature, please go over this document with your student(s).

Please remind your child to follow the rules and regulations/ Code of Conduct of proper behavior and conduct on the bus as well as at the bus stop.

You can always refer to the district website for updated transportation information regarding these rules and regulations. www.barnegatschools.com

As we have learned in years past, new strains of influenza and Covid are and will continue to be part of our regular vocabulary and are factors that we continue to plan for and manage. Guidance for these and others can change regularly . We should all be prepared for potential future changes. As always, we will continue to update you as information becomes available.

If you have any questions regarding transportation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy school year!

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