

# DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may already be aware, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee voted at the meeting of January 13, 2021 to move forward with five half-day mornings of in-person learning each week. This is set to begin on March 15. With that being said, this will greatly affect student transportation.

Based on the guidelines set forth by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, seats on buses have been reduced to a maximum of 23 students. This allows students to maintain the 3 feet of physical distance. It is our goal to transport all students who would like to utilize student bus transportation.

It is crucial more than ever that we seek your input in helping us to identify your family's transportation needs. This information is necessary to make decisions whether to increase our bus fleet, combine routes or leave the route as is. There are huge financial ramifications in this planning: your help will directly affect our decision making, allowing for the District to meet your needs in the most fiscally prudent manner possible. So please take a few minutes to complete the survey. If you do not respond to this survey, we will assume that you plan to transport your students to and from school.

The bus transportation survey will be available February 2, 2021 through February 19, 2021. Please complete the survey no later than February 19, 2021. I can't stress enough the importance of this. Transportation will be limited to one address to school and one address from school, to allow compliance with transportation guidance. Every family has the right to District provided transportation, however failure to respond to this survey by February 19, 2021 will mean a potential delay in the District being able to provide you transportation. This is a positive enrollment – if you do not respond to this survey, we will assume that you plan to transport your students yourself.

This communication is done districtwide – you will not receive school specific surveys. Please complete this survey for all students in your household.

We do appreciate your patience, time and effort in all that you do to comply with the guidelines that have been handed to us. Your participation will help support and strengthen the promise "...to advance the well-being of our children and our community."

Sincerely,

Richard J. Mathieu  
Director of Finance and Operations

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