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To: The BASD Learning Community

From: The BASD Transportation Department

CC: Board of School Directors

Date: July 31, 2020

Subject: BASD Transportation 2020-2021

Dear BASD Learning Community:

Of all the concerns facing school districts, one of the most challenging is what to do about transporting our students as we try to mitigate health risks and provide as much space as possible between riders.

The U.S. Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidelines indicate that schools should look to limit school bus riders to one per seat while skipping a seat to provide additional space. This would result in 12 students per bus for each bus run. It is virtually impossible to follow these guidelines within the financial and human resources at our disposal.

New state guidelines released on Thursday, July 16th are far less restrictive, advising schools to: "minimize the number of people on the bus at one time within reason and to the greatest extent possible."

Throughout this pandemic we have relied, in large measure, on the state guidelines when making decisions. With that said, we have worked with Quigley Buses to put together a protocol for our BASD buses and vans that takes into account the far less restrictive state guidelines, while still doing all we can to mitigate health risks and provide as much space as possible within the resource available to us.

The following is our transportation protocol for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Parents/Guardians will perform a temperature check on All students prior to boarding the bus in AM or at midday for kindergartners.
2. Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before leaving for the bus stop.
3. Parents/Guardians are responsible for maintaining social distancing at the bus stops.
4. Students are required to wear a mask or face shield while boarding the vehicle.
5. Students are required to wear a mask or a face shield at ALL times while riding on their bus or van.



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6. Students will load the bus by filling seats from back to front to limit students walking past each other to find seats.
7. Students will have assigned seats.
8. There will be at least 2 students to each seat.
9. Siblings going to the same school will sit together on the same vehicle.
10. Students will not sit in the first 2 seats behind the driver, seat 1 and 2.
11. Once at school, students will disembark from the front of the bus to the back of the bus – again, to avoid passing each other more times than necessary.
12. Cleaning of the vehicles will be done throughout the day.
13. The bus or van driver will wear a mask or face shield at all times during the ride.
14. Bus and van windows will be open when the weather permits to improve ventilation during the ride.

Due to the daily variances in bus routes, the roster times may vary up to 10 minutes. Please be sure to arrive at your stop in plenty of time.

This protocol may undergo revisions at any time as mandated by the local, state, and federal guidelines and will remain in effect until lifted in writing by BASD.

We appreciate your support as we continue to navigate COVID-19 with health and safety as our first concern. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Battin, Transportation Supervisor, at cbattin@boyertownasd.org or 610-473-3473 (the transportation office #).

Thank you and safe travels.