

## TRANSPORTATION REOPEN PLAN

There are strict regulations on our ability to transport students. Based on the guidelines, our 66 passengers will only be able to accommodate 22 students. While there is some flexibility for students who reside in the same household, by and large, this is the number that we need to use when determining our routes. For our potential reopening plan to work, we do need to ask a number of parents, guardians, and other family members for assistance by transporting their students to school or, for our older students with valid drivers' licenses, to drive themselves.

Earlier this summer, we conducted a brief transportation survey and, based on the results of the survey, we are close to being able to execute our plan. However, we now need to have those families confirm their ability to transport your students. If you are in this situation, I would ask that you please call the district at 518-632-5222 to confirm your ability to drive.

For those students who will need transportation, there are a few important notes that I want to make sure you are informed of.

First, while riding the bus, everyone must wear a mask for the duration of the trip, this includes our bus drivers and all students. Students will also be assigned seats based on the order of pick up and drop off to limit cross traffic as much as possible.

Second, we can only transport from your home residence to your home residence. At this time, we do not anticipate being able to transport a student from their home to an alternate location, including family



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members or childcare, unless that location is on the same bus route. This holds true for picks up and drop offs. We cannot pick up a student in one location and then drop them off in the afternoon at an alternate location. These types of situations reduce our ability to maintain the required safety standards.

If the pickup and drop off restrictions pose a difficulty for your, you can contact the district to request an exemption. However, requests can only be honored by availably. For example, if you child needs to go a babysitter in the afternoon and needs to ride a different bus, we can only accommodate the request if we have room on the other bus.

Third, we cannot accommodate any bus changes during the day. The only change that can be accommodated is for someone to be picked up at the school.

As we begin to formalize the lists of those who need transportation and who is opting out, we will be working to inform parents or potential pick up and drop off times.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the district at 518-632-5222 and we will do our best to answer your questions.