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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child back to the Manalapan Englishtown School District for the 2017-2018 school year. Safety being our first priority, I ask that you take a moment to review with your child the School Bus Safety Brochure that is enclosed and also posted on our district website. The school hours and calendar are also posted. Please make note of the scheduled half days to avoid any confusion for your child's drop off time on those particular days.

I would suggest when choosing a backpack for your child, you get one that can comfortably be kept on the child's lap. Luggage type backpacks are discouraged as they make it difficult for children entering and exiting a bus and will be a hindrance in the event of an emergency evacuation. Bus pass times are approximate. Please be sure to have your child ready 10 minutes prior to the pick-up time. For those parents/guardians who routinely pick up their child from the bus stop, I kindly ask that you are available 10 minutes prior to the drop off time. There are many days when the driver does not need to stop at all the designated stops, which causes the driver to be at your stop a little earlier than expected. I suggest that all parents/guardians be home at your child's school dismissal time and not drop off time.

All bus delays will be posted daily on the district website. Please check www.mers.k12.nj.us and click on Transportation to follow prompts for any up to date information regarding bus delays. As some of you have already experienced, there will be delays during the first week of school. If you should have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing everyone a great school year!

Sincerely,

Donna Perinelli
Director of Transportation