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Dear Seaford Families:

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and enjoying the summer. Recently, the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health released guidance documents for the start of school in September. These documents stipulate important guidelines for all the various aspects of the reopening of school including transportation.

Due to the social distancing mandate, the district goal is to provide as many bus routes as possible while not infringing on instructional time. Having to repeat routes, however, will have an impact on when students need to get picked up and when they arrive to school.

According to the New York State Department of Health, school districts "...must develop protocols and procedures, which include that individuals must wear acceptable face coverings at all times on school buses (e.g., entering, exiting and seated), and that individuals should maintain appropriate social distancing unless they are members of the same household. The documents further states that school districts "...should encourage parents/legal guardians to drop off or walk students to school to reduce density on buses". Therefore, we are reaching out to you to ascertain if you would be willing to transport your child(ren) to and from school.

With your help, we will be able to meet our goal of bringing students to school in a timely manner, while complying with the NYSED and DOH guidelines. **In order to get an accurate number of students that will be riding the bus each day, please complete the survey using this link: [Transportation Link](#).** Unfortunately, time is of the essence, and we request that you complete the survey by Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

Yours in Seaford Pride,

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