



BLIND BROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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School Bus Ridership

Dear Community:

Blind Brook's return to in-person learning has progressed to plan, successfully bringing students safely back into our schools to receive in-person instruction. As the number of students on campus has increased, so has the volume of personal automobile traffic arriving and departing each day.

Our District is fortunate to have a fleet of reliable school buses with the capacity to shuttle all transportation-eligible students safely to and from school. So far though, our school buses have been underutilized during the reopening, especially on the King Street campus where traffic is most problematic.

While logistical adaptations on both campuses have already been implemented to manage the increased traffic flow, there are very real physical restrictions that can only be addressed by decreasing the number of automobiles accessing campus each morning and afternoon.

The purpose of this message is to encourage families to allow their sons and daughters to ride school buses. For every student who rides the bus, there is one less automobile in the traffic lineup. To promote safety on buses, our students are required to wear masks, and windows are generally left open to promote positive air circulation. These mitigation strategies promote bus safety.

Balancing individual interests with the greater public benefit can be challenging. In this case, the broader safety concerns created by an increased volume of traffic warrants your review of the benefits of using District provided school buses.

Respectfully,
Dr. Patrick Brimstein