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Dear East Islip Families:

As we begin the new school year, we want to remind our students and families about the importance of safe and responsible E-bike and E-scooter use.

The Suffolk County Police Department has shared concerns regarding the increasing number of E-bike and E-scooter-related incidents involving young people. During the past school year, numerous incidents were reported, including crashes resulting in serious injuries. We share this information so that our families can help prevent these types of accidents and ensure our students understand the laws and safety expectations.

Please remember:

- New York State law prohibits anyone under the age of 16 from operating an electric bicycle. Riders must also follow all applicable traffic and safety laws.
- Riders should be familiar with the rules governing E-bikes and E-scooters, including helmet and equipment requirements and where these devices may legally be operated.
- E-bikes and E-scooters are NOT permitted to be ridden on East Islip School District property. This applies before school, during school hours, and after school.
- If a student meets the age requirement to bring an E-bike onto school grounds, the bike must be walked at all times while on school property.
- This school-ground restriction is in place for the safety of our students, staff, families, and community members.
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to review safe riding practices and the applicable laws with their children before allowing them to operate an E-bike or E-scooter.

The Suffolk County Police Department has developed educational resources regarding E-bike and E-scooter safety, including a safety flyer and an educational video. We encourage families to review these materials together. The SCPD currently provides E-Bike/E-Scooter safety information through its website. Please see attached flyer.

Our goal is not to discourage students from enjoying these modes of transportation, but rather to ensure that they understand the laws, ride responsibly, and make safe choices.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our East Islip students and community safe!