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Mrs. Monica Poitras
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Dear Families,

The Dracut Public schools will begin implementing a new protocol for bus students and walkers as of October 16, 2023. This will allow first (1st) and second (2nd) grade students to be dropped off at a bus stop with older siblings. To participate, parents must complete a waiver (attached). **This waiver is an optional choice for families.** If you choose not to participate your child will continue to ride the bus and have an adult meet them at the bus stop or walk home with siblings.

Kindergarten students **will not** be allowed to obtain a waiver and or walk home with siblings. We will continue to follow the protocol of parents or a designated adult meeting them at the bus stop. If no one is there for them then kindergarten students will be returned to their school.

Additionally, please be aware that families who have first and second grade students riding a bus or walking home who do not have older siblings or who do not complete the waiver will still need an adult to meet them at the school or the bus stop or they will be returned to their school and someone will be called to pick them up.

For Students Riding a Bus: Signed waiver forms must be emailed to your school principal, or dropped off to the school's main office. After submitting the form, parents of bus students must bring their child's current bus pass to the Business Office at 2063 Lakeview Ave. (hours 8:30 AM - 4PM Monday - Friday). They will be issued a new yellow bus pass at that time. This special bus pass will alert their bus driver that their child is allowed to walk home or be dropped off with older siblings. This will also be noted on the bus's route sheet.

For Walkers: Signed waiver forms must be emailed to your school principal, or dropped off to the school's main office. If your child is a walker, the school will notify dismissal staff that the student is allowed to walk home with an older sibling.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Poitras



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