

Burlington Township Schools

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Dear Parents of Bus Students,

As always, the safety of students is our highest priority. Please review with your child(ren) our philosophy concerning bus rules and safety (pg 29 in handbook) which outlines rules, consequences and states our commitment to safety: *we believe all students can behave appropriately and safely while riding on the school bus. We will not tolerate unacceptable student behavior that prevents the bus driver from doing his/her job or creates an unsafe place for students on the bus.*

Our district transportation policy states: *District provided transportation to and from school is a privilege that may be terminated due to disciplinary infractions. A pupil may be excluded from the bus for disciplinary reasons by the principal or his/her designee and the pupils parent/guardian shall be responsible to provide transportation to and from school during the period of such exclusion (per N.J.S.A. 18A:25-2). See Policy #3541.5 School Bus Discipline.*

Our administration is currently thoroughly investigating several incidents, which may have occurred on the bus. This process includes speaking with the students on the bus, individually or in small groups, the bus driver and viewing bus tapes. To compile accurate information from all parties involved this process of the investigation can be lengthy, as we want to ensure all facts have been confirmed. As part of this process administration or designee will contact the families directly involved to inform them of the findings and discuss if warranted discipline and consequences related to the offense. Due to privacy and confidentiality laws, information regarding any specific student cannot be shared with others.

It is important for parents to inform building administrators of any concerns as we encourage students to tell an adult immediately if there is a problem on the bus or in school. We hope this information is helpful, as always, we appreciate your partnership. Feel free to contact an administrator directly, if you have any additional concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Denise P. King, Ed.D.

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The Burlington Township School District will develop the intellectual, creative and social potential of each child through an active partnership with all members of the community.