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PARENT NOTES

September 9, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is great to see our students and families back with us once again, as well as to welcome new faces eager to start the new year. We have many new items to share with you about the coming year and will forward this in a Principal's Newsletter next week.

I am concerned about the transportation issues that we have this year in a few of our districts. Normally parents and guardians need to call their transportation department and let them know of busing concerns. These issues are usually worked out by the end of the first school week. However, I feel it necessary this year to take a more active role since we have had numerous issues and frankly the length of time that some of these students are on the bus coming to school and going home is very unreasonable. In addition, I have placed a call to these districts and have also asked that some routes be changed. Riverhead has made some changes to help assist with their district transportation issues. Please call me if you continue to have concerns.

As of this afternoon, it is my understanding that the William Floyd District will be sending shuttle buses starting Tuesday, to pick up students that ride the larger bus, WM#1. They will then transfer these students to a designated bus that will drive all of these students to the charter school. In the afternoon, they will send an additional bus to RCS to pick up the students. They are assuring me that the bus will be here on time in the morning and that students will get home at a reasonable hour at night. They will be sending you letters notifying you of the time and place for pickup as well as utilizing their automated phone call system. Please keep me informed if this is not the case.

We appreciate your patience and are as concerned as you are that your children have had to endure long hours on a bus that could have been avoided prior to the start of school.

Best regards,

Dorothy Porteus
Principal