

May 1, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy!

On April 27, 2020, the Board of Education approved the final budget for the 2020-2021 school year. Within the budget, there were no additions or reductions to the courtesy busing structure that is currently in place for the 2019-2020 school year. This would impact all middle school students living two (2) miles or less from Hillsborough Middle School and high school students living two-and-a-half (2.5) miles or less from Hillsborough High School. **Although you will not receive courtesy busing for the 2020-2021 school year**, a subscription busing program may be available for eligible students for the 2020 - 2021 school year. However, please note that subscription busing may not be available for eligible students depending upon the availability of contracted buses, the cost to provide the transportation service, and the number of families interested in the program.

If you are interested in participating in subscription busing, please complete the Google form **no later than noon on Friday, May 29**. **The fee for subscription busing is \$1,000 (and may be less) per student payable in full by check or money order by Tuesday, June 30**. Your application will not be processed until payment is received, so please be sure you intend to utilize this service, as refunds will not be available. Subscription busing applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. Please mail all payments to the Transportation Department located at 407 Amwell Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 by Tuesday, June 30. Click here for the Google form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSco02E8e90HmTHRtKSQsdjvXfofvoA5ITs6p19UfgHwRPvq2Q/viewform>

At this time, the following locations have been tentatively identified as cluster bus stops and are subject to change.

Hillsborough High School
Beekman @ Danley
Beekman @ Montfort
Oxford @ Stonewick
Oxford @ Pierson (closest to Staats)
Bloomingdale @ Taurus
South Triangle @ Warwick

New Amwell @ Williamsburg
Auten @ Fleming
Triangle @ Yates (closest to HMS)
New Amwell @ Wesley
Beekman @ Rivendell
Auten @ Randolph
Auten @ Gemini

Hillsborough Middle School
Bloomington @ Taurus
Auten @ Fleming
Triangle @ Yates (closest to HMS)
Meadowbrook @ Cumberland
New Amwell @ Williamsburg

Financial hardship shall not be a limiting factor for participation in subscription busing. Under provisions of this subscription busing program, students who qualify for free or reduced lunches may be eligible for a waiver of the busing fee, pending submission and approval of a current year free or reduced lunch application. If you have submitted a free or reduced lunch application, you do not need to submit a check at this time.

For more information on New Jersey code governing Student Transportation (N.J.A.C. 6A:27) , please view the following link: <https://www.nj.gov/education/code/current/title6a/chap27.pdf>

Finally, do not hesitate to reach out to our Transportation Department at 908-431-6600 (prompt 6) or subscriptionbusing@https.us should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bennett,
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