



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen School Community,

As we enter the final days of summer vacation and look forward to another exciting year in the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen, we wanted to take this opportunity to notify families of a change in bus company providers. At the start of the upcoming school year, students who use the District's bus services will now be transported to and from school on buses operated by the Baumann Bus Company.

After forty years of servicing our District, Veterans Transportation informed the District that it was not going to extend its existing contract with Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen. Following protocol, a bus transportation services Request for Proposal was put out to bid to local providers, ensuring a transparent, diligent and cost-effective selection procedure. Veterans Transportation Company was invited to participate in this process.

The Baumann Bus Company was awarded the new transportation contract after a careful review of all submitted and qualifying bids. As with every decision of this nature, child safety and providing high level service was the District's number one priority in selecting a new bus transportation provider. The Baumann Family of Companies, parent company of Baumann Bus Company, has provided safe and reliable student transportation services on Long Island for over half a century. Additionally, all Baumann Bus Company drivers are required to go through a rigorous hiring process and background checks that are in compliance with New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Article 19A rules and regulations regarding the operation of school buses. Baumann Bus Company drivers are also mandated to attend skills and techniques review courses each year to reinforce all safety procedures.

As always, please feel free to contact my office with any questions regarding this change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Constance D. Evelyn
Superintendent of Schools