



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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TO: Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Families

FROM: Gerard Antoine
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DATE: June 19, 2019

RE: **WALK-BACK PASS PROGRAM**

I am happy to report that this year, our newly-created Walk-Back Pass program was a success! We were able to accommodate over 60 students who were otherwise ineligible for transportation services according to district policy. We did this through a careful analysis of the ridership numbers on our existing in-district buses, identified those buses with available seats, and offered them to students who lived close enough to walk to existing stops along our established bus routes.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, please be advised of the following:

- Applications for the 2019-2020 Walk-Back Pass program will be posted on our District Website, www.valleystream13.com, beginning on Monday, August 12, 2019. They will also be available at your child's school or at the business office after August 16th.
- All applications are to be submitted to your child's school for the Principal's review and signature. They will then be forwarded to the business office for processing.
- By the end of September, all applications will be sorted, reviewed and approved or denied as follows:
 1. Buses with sufficient seat capacity will be identified to participate in program (Must be at less than 80% assigned capacity)
 2. If student's bus qualifies for program, placement will begin with lower grades first, and progress to upper grades.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF ANY APPLICATIONS UNTIL OUR FINAL ANALYSIS IS COMPLETED.

Refraining from calling the business office and/or your child's school until you receive notification will help us greatly in our efforts to make our determinations as quickly as possible. We look forward to and greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this process.