Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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TO: Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Families
FROM: Gary Gentles
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DATE: 8/19/2026
RE: **WALK-BACK PASS PROGRAM – Policy 8410, 8410-R**

A link for online applications for the 2026-2027 walk-back pass program will be live on the District website beginning on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 9:00 am**. As per Board of Education policy 8410/8410-R, district eligible ridership must first be established after the third week of school prior to any approvals for a walk-back pass. All applications submitted by 4:00 pm on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026,** will be reviewed in accordance with 8410-R beginning **Thursday, October 1, 2026,** and approval or denial notifications will be sent home no later than **Friday, October 16, 2026**. Any applications received after 4:00 pm on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026,** will be subsequently considered on a rolling basis.

The following procedures govern the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen walk-back pass program:

- Buses that are at 90% capacity or above based on eligible ridership are ineligible for walk-back passes
- Walk-back passes will be issued in the order of lowest grades first starting with kindergarten
- Issued passes are valid for the specified bus stop only
- Bus stops will not be moved or added to any existing routes
- As with all bus passes, walk-back passes must be carried every day
- At the discretion of the District, passes may be rescinded at any time, such as due to an increase in enrollment, or based on violations of the code of conduct
- Walk-back passes expire at the end of each school year

For more information regarding transportation in Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen, please refer to Board Policy 8410 and the corresponding regulation 8410-R that can be found at https://valleystream13.com/board-of-education/board-of-education-policies/series-8000/.