OAK HILLS TRANSPORTATION DEPT.

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Attn: Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

If you are receiving this letter, your child(ren) is eligible for transportation through Oak Hills Local School District. OHLSD transports student's kindergarten through 8th grade who live 2 miles or more from their school.

If your child(ren) are <u>not</u> going to use the bus service, please let us know ASAP by email at <u>smith_b2@ohlsd.org</u> or <u>marcum_t@ohlsd.org</u>. You can also contact us by phone @ 513-574-2161 before August 1, 2024.

Due to the shortage of bus drivers, our buses will have more students on board. Our bus stops will be adjusted to pick up and drop off students at corners instead of individual driveways when possible. Students will only be allowed to ride their assigned bus to and from school. We will no longer allow eligible students to ride to or from a friend's residence on another bus.

If your child needs to be picked up or dropped off at a caregiver's address, please keep in mind your child(ren) will need to be dropped off at the same address 5 days a week. You can choose a different pick up or drop off location but it has to be 5 days a week (not alternating days between addresses). The caregiver also needs to be located on an established bus route and follow the same qualifying factors for us to transport your child to a caregiver. We are unable to adjust bus routes to accommodate a caregiver request. Please email a permission letter with your caregiver request to the transportation office. We will let you know if we are <u>unable</u> to accommodate your request.

Keep in mind that riding a school bus is a privilege. The bus driver is in charge of the students' safety while they are on the school bus, therefore the students <u>must</u> follow the bus rules. Please review the list of bus rules enclosed with this letter with your child(ren) and make sure they are aware that their bus riding privileges may be revoked for continued violations.

We will process our bus passes on August 1st and mail them out the following day. Your bus pass will have your child's bus number, stop location, and approximate pick up and drop off times. Please keep in mind, the first few weeks of school your child's bus may not run on schedule. Please give us time to work out any issues on our routes so that they can run on time for the remainder of the school year.

If you know anyone who would like to be a bus driver for Oak Hills Local School District, please have them contact our office for additional information. There are full-time and part-time positions available. A Class "B" CDL with School Bus and Passenger Endorsement are required. We do offer paid training for those who are interested.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we get our routes established for the upcoming school year. We appreciate you going over the bus rules with your students so we have a safe 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,

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