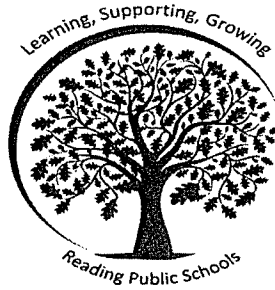


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Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the 2019-20 school year, it is time to think about bus transportation options. We will once again provide parent paid busses along the established routes for Reading Memorial High School, Coolidge and Parker Middle Schools and the Killam Elementary School. We will continue to provide bussing as mandated by state law, to students in grades K – 6 that live 2 or more miles away from their school.

In the 2019-20 school year we will be adjusting pick-up times to accommodate the later start at Reading Memorial High School. The middle school routes will begin at 6:30 a.m. having students to school on or about 6:55 a.m. After dropping off at the middle schools the busses will do the Killam Elementary School runs beginning at approximately 7:00 a.m. Extended day staff will be on hand at Killam to supervise the bus students upon arrival at school at approximately 7:35 a.m. (at no cost to families). Lastly, the high school runs will begin at approximately 7:40 a.m.

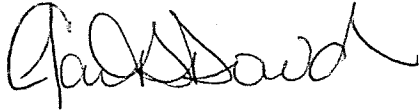
We will monitor the bus routes over the first couple weeks of the school year and make adjustments as needed. The afternoon runs for the middle schools and Killam should not be affected. The high school busses will not arrive until after the Killam runs are complete. We estimate arrival at the high school at approximately 3:20 p.m.

Passes are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payments in the amount of **\$450/rider (no family cap)** will be accepted by mail or may be dropped off at the Superintendent's Office. No passes will be issued until paid in full. Passes for middle and high school riders will be available for pick-up in the Superintendent's Office during the week of August 19th. If you would like to pay using our electronic payment option, please contact Linda Engelson. The Reading Public Schools offers financial assistance for those eligible for free and reduced meals benefits. The information and application can be found **later this summer** at <https://www.reading.k12.ma.us/departments/food-services/>

Any interested parent or guardian is asked to complete the attached form and return it with a check or money order made out to the Town of Reading, to 82 Oakland Road by July 19, 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Linda Engelson at 781 944-5800 or via email to linda.engelson@reading.k12.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail Dowd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gail" being more prominent than the last name "Dowd".

Gail Dowd
Chief Financial Officer

