

Dear Canton Parents and Guardians:

The Massachusetts General Laws governing school transportation require school departments to provide transportation for students in grades kindergarten through grade 6, living 2 miles or more from their school. We are pleased to offer transportation for all of our students in all grades, however, doing so is an expensive endeavor. The total cost for transportation to and from school for the 2019/2020 school year will be approximately \$1,280,000. We charge fees to Canton students, who we are not legally obligated to transport, to offset the overall cost of the program. During the 2019-2020 school year, the amount of the offset will be approximately \$313,500 or 25% of the overall cost.

**\*\*Please note\*\***

All 2019-2020 Pay and Ride Applications will be distributed by electronic form by email. If you are unable to complete the form online, please request a paper application from your student's school office or visit <https://www.cantonma.org/administration/k-12-transportation-information> to print the form.

### **Bus Rider Categories**

There are three (3) categories of transportation and all students fall into one of these categories:

- Category #1. Students grades K- 6, who live more than 2 miles from the school they attend, OR cross or walk on Route 138 (safety), will be transported without a fee.
- Category #2. Students in grades K-6, who live less than 2 miles from the school they attend, are eligible to apply and pay for the Pay and Ride Program.
- Category #3. All students in grades 7-12 (regardless of distance) are eligible to apply and pay for Pay and Ride Program

**\*\*If you have applied for the Free and Reduced Lunch program please indicate on the electronic form. No payment is due at this time.**

### **Transportation Fees**

If you are required to pay a transportation fee for your child(ren), the fees are as follows:

- \$300.00 for the first child
- \$285 for the second child
- \$265 for the third child
- Family cap of \$850.00

All fees are subject to change by vote of the Canton School Committee.

Each child is eligible for one seat on one bus. If you require a child to be picked up and dropped off at an additional location requiring a second bus, you will need to purchase a second seat at regular price. Please contact Brett McCloud at 781-821-5060 x1156 for more information.

### **Application & Payment Due Dates:**

**All applications must be submitted by May 10, 2019.**

**Applications received after May 10, 2019 will incur a late fee of \$50.00 per student.**

**Applications received after June 7th, 2019 will not be processed until October, 1 2019.**

**No exceptions!**

## Payment Options and Information

1. Online
  - a. [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)
  - b. Login and pay fee
  - c. Record confirmation number for completion of online form
  
2. Check
  - a. Make checks payable to "TOWN OF CANTON"
  - b. Clearly note on your check, which students the payment is covering and the school they attend.
  - c. Mail or Hand Deliver checks to:  
Canton Public Schools  
C/O Brett McCloud  
960 Washington Street  
Canton, MA 02021
  - d. All new students must pay in person at the above address.

**BOTH PAYMENT AND ONLINE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED.  
YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL WE HAVE CONFIRMED PAYMENT.**

If you have questions about the amount to remit, please contact Brett McCloud at the email listed at the bottom of this letter. Checks with incorrect totals will be returned and the application will not be complete until the proper amount has been paid.

Any family that has a payment balance from 2018-19 school year for preschool, athletics, food services or transportation will not be permitted to apply for a bus pass for the 2019-2020 school year until the balance is paid in full.

### Bus Passes

Families will receive a temporary, electronic bus pass before the start of school. If you have not received a bus pass by August 30, 2019, please contact the transportation office. No student will be permitted on the bus without a bus pass.

If you have any questions about transportation, please email Brett McCloud, Canton Public Schools Transportation Coordinator, at [mccloudb@cantonma.org](mailto:mccloudb@cantonma.org).

Sincerely,  
Brett McCloud  
Canton Public Schools Transportation Coordinator