To:   Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten Students

Re:  Transportation

The Transportation Department would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the parents/guardians, and your kindergarten student, to HSE. For many of you, this will be your first exposure to our school system and I would like to address a few transportation-related items:

1. All students will be transported to and from school on their neighborhood bus.
2. Students should be at their assigned bus stop 5 minutes prior to their pick-up time. The location and pick-up/drop-off times will be available to you on Skyward the week prior to the start of school.
3. Kindergarten students will be seated in the front of the bus so they can be more closely monitored by the driver. If there is a sibling on the bus and you prefer they sit together, they will both be seated in the front section of the bus.
4. There is a list of bus safety rules in each school’s student handbook. Please review these rules with your child and stress the importance of following their driver’s instructions.
5. **Drivers are not to allow a kindergarten student off the bus without a parent/guardian, another designated adult, or older sibling present to receive them.** If someone other than the parent/guardian will be meeting your kindergartener, you must give the driver or Transportation Office written permission to release the child to that person. If you find that you’re not going to be at the stop in time to meet your child, please contact the school or Transportation Office (594-4117). The driver may have to proceed with the route and coordinate a drop-off with you.

I know a number of your children will be apprehensive about climbing on the “yellow bus” for the first time when the upcoming school year begins. Please know that we will do everything we can to make their experience a positive one. I want to assure you that nothing is more important to us than the safe and reliable transportation of our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call our office.

Jim White
Director of Transportation