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Dear Baylis Parents and Guardians:

I am asking for your support as we strengthen our dismissal processes with a particular focus on bus transportation. My main concern with bus transportation is safety. It is important that all children feel safe and are safe as they ride the bus to and from school. All children at Baylis are very familiar with the "Baylis Bus Rules." Teachers and I frequently review these rules with the children. I recently reviewed the bus rules with the students during our morning announcements meeting. I am asking that you take some time to discuss these rules with your children so that all children can have a safe and calm ride to and from school.

Baylis Bus Rules

1. **We stay in our seats.**
2. **We use quiet voices and nice words.**
3. **We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.**

Please note: Students have been instructed to sit in grade order on the bus with older grades seated towards the back and younger grades seated in the front. This will ensure that there is adequate seating for all students and that all students are seated safely.

If a bus incident is reported to me either from transportation, parents, or the children, I will meet with the children involved to discuss the incident. Together we review the Baylis Bus Rules, and the Baylis Bus Rules Contract that they signed. If needed, I will review the videotape of the bus ride to further investigate the matter. If incidents continue to arise, additional action can be taken in accordance with the District's Code of Conduct such as assigned bus seating, and/or suspension from the bus. The following is an excerpt from the District Code of Character, Conduct and Support Policy 5300:

"Engage in misconduct while on a school bus. It is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on School District buses, to ensure their safety and that of other passengers and to avoid distracting the bus driver. Students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Excessive noise, pushing, shoving, and fighting or other conduct in violation of the Code of Character, Conduct and Support will not be tolerated."

Please review and complete the attached Bus Rules Contract with your child and return the completed form to your child's teacher by Tuesday October 1st.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students safe. Do not hesitate to call the Main Office at 516-364-5798 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Clara Y. Kang, Principal