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Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel

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Dear Region 16 Parents/Guardians,

Our major goal in Region 16 is to transport students with the utmost of safety. As we begin another school year, it is extremely important that we make everyone aware of our concern for school bus safety. All students who are provided with bus transportation in Region 16 are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner both at the bus stop and while riding the bus. For emergency purposes, please make sure the school has your updated home and cell numbers.

It is our responsibility under Connecticut State Law to inform all students of the rules and policies regulating school bus transportation and safety. We ask parents to please emphasize to their child the importance of school bus safety. An understanding of the rules and policies will help to prevent accidents from occurring.

**Region 16's transportation provider is All-Star Transportation. They put a lot of time and effort into organizing and planning pick-ups and drop-offs. We realize we can't please every parent so we ask that you do not call requesting new stops. If you have a major concern about a bus stop, please contact the bus company and they will drive to the site in question to assess the situation to see if a change is warranted. The telephone numbers are 203-758-5989 for Prospect concerns or 203-888-8816 for Beacon Falls concerns.**

Our busses are equipped with two cameras, one in the back of the bus, and one in the front. This should prevent any questions about student behavior as we will be able to view the films to verify any situations which may occur. Video recordings shall be treated as protected student records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

All students should be out at their bus stop at least ten minutes before their pick-up time even if pick-up is at your house. Children should not wait inside so as to avoid missing the bus and to allow the rest of the students to be picked up in a timely manner.

If for some reason a student needs to ride a different bus on a certain day, a note signed by his/her parent or guardian must be handed in to their homeroom teacher at the beginning of the school day. This note must state the number of the bus they currently ride, and the number of the bus they are requesting to take. Failure to do this will prevent the request from being granted. Phone requests should be limited to emergency situations only.

Students who do not adhere to the rules indicated in the 2016-2017 Region 16 Parent/Student Handbook will be subject to bus suspension from their individual schools. This suspension will be determined by the offense and number of referrals.

Please review the attached Rules of the Road with your child. If we all work together as a team, we can have the best school bus safety year ever.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,  
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Regional School District #16 Bus Coordinator  
**(Please review the attached Rules of the Road)**

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