All students planning to ride the bus in the 2019-20 school year **MUST** register to ride regardless of ridership in the 2018-19 school year. Even students who ride for free based on their grade and distance from school **MUST** register. Ridership **WILL NOT** be rolled over into the 2019-20 school year.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws governing school transportation, The Milton Public Schools provides free bus service to and from school for all students in Kindergarten through 6th Grade who live **greater than two miles from their assigned school**. The remaining seats on all bus routes will be offered to additional students living closer than 2 miles in grades K to 6 and students in grades 7-12. Seats are filled on a first come, first served basis. When buses are full, we will generate a waiting list. Please note there was a waiting list in the 2018-19 school year. Additionally, per MPS policy, any student with an outstanding food bill greater than \$20.00 is not allowed to register for any fee based program (including bus service) until the food balance has been paid off

Registration:

- Registration will open May 15th.
- All bus registrations are due by Friday June 14th.
- Registrations received after June 14 will be placed on the waiting list and processed beginning the week of September 9th on a space available basis. No registrations will be processed in July & August.
- Families with more than one bus rider will need to register each child **individually** but only are required to make one overall payment and can use the same UniBank code showing the payment of \$550 in separate registrations.
- Please note that registration must be completed, including payment if applicable, in order to be assigned to a bus. Incomplete registrations will be placed on the waiting list.

Fees:

- Students in grade K to 6 living more than two miles from their assigned school: No bus fee
- Students in grade K to 6 living less than two miles from their assigned school and all students in grades 7 to 12: \$275 with a family maximum of \$550.
- Students who qualify for Free and Reduced lunch: No bus fee

Payment:

- Payment for the bus is made through the <u>UniBank Payment Link</u> on the Milton Public School website. You will
 need the UniBank payment confirmation code for the online registration form to show payment has
 been made in full.
- Payment may be made by check mailed to Transportation Department, Milton Public Schools, 25 Gile Rd, Milton, MA 02186. Reference riders in memo line, registration will not be complete until check is processed.

Next Steps:

- Visit the <u>UniBank Payment Link</u> on the Milton Public School website. You will need the UniBank payment confirmation code for the online registration form to show payment has been made in full. Note the Payment Code. If paying by check see above under Payment.
- Use the following link to register for bus ridership: 2019-20 Bus Registration. Complete your registration.

Confirmation of registration will be emailed by July 15th and bus passes will be mailed the week of August 19th.

Students are **not permitted to ride the bus without an active Bus Pass** for the 2019-20 school year and will be required to present the pass to board the bus. Riding the bus is a privilege with the expectation of good conduct and respectful behavior. Inappropriate behavior on the bus may result in the revocation of bus privileges without refund of bus fee paid.

Please <u>email Director of Transportation Rachel Schewe</u> at <u>bus@miltonps.org</u> with any questions. Thank you for your prompt attention.