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### **School Bus Transportation Information 2008-2009**

Once again we will utilize a "Bus Pass" system for school transportation. Statistics have proven that riding a school bus is safer than riding in the family car, and purchasing a bus pass made more sense than driving students to school with the ever-rising cost of fuel. The cost of a bus pass remains \$180.00 this year. The family cap of \$360.00 also remains the same.

Detailed bus routes are based upon student addresses in the transportation database. Over time shifts in population necessitate changes in routes. Last school year some routes did not fully reflect demographic changes and as a result some buses were initially over or under capacity. For the 2008-2009 school year the school department is beginning this process earlier to prevent the problems encountered last year. Therefore, payments and requests must be received by May 1, 2008 for proper route planning, assignment, availability, and capacity.

The criteria for free vs. fee based bus service remains the same. Any child in grades K-6 residing less than 2.0 miles from school, and all children in grades 7-12 regardless of distance will pay a fee for transportation services. In accordance with Massachusetts School Transportation statute, any child in grades K-6 residing 2.0 miles or more from the school will receive free transportation.

A bus registration form is on the reverse of this information flyer or may also be downloaded from the school website [www.suttonschools.net](http://www.suttonschools.net)

**All payments should be mailed or brought to the superintendent's office by**

**May 1, 2008.**

