



# Mendham Township Middle School

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## Re: Opt Out Letter

September 29, 2006

Dear Early Morning Performing Arts Period Participants/Parents,

Our zero period performing arts classes will begin on October 3, 2006. Individual transportation information was distributed at Back-To-School-Night or will be mailed out today. Please note that your child will be picked up at his/her 'regular' stop. Please feel free to **send your child to early morning rehearsals with a snack**, as our music teachers will provide a short snack time at approximately 8:00. Homeroom begins at 8:10 am. **Kindly remember to call the school prior to 7:22 if your child will not be attending a scheduled rehearsal!**

As you may remember from our zero period informational meetings, we estimated that early morning bus schedules would mirror the high school bus schedule – thus routes would begin at approximately 6:30 am. After submitting our final rosters to the transportation department for route processing, it appears that we have approximately 12 'stops' occurring before 6:24 am. In the end, our routes are about 18 minutes earlier than we had originally hoped.

In that numerous parents have asked permission to drive children to early morning band; coupled with the need to make up 18 minutes on our bus routes, I am asking that **those of you who want to provide alternate transportation for your children or choose to be part of a carpool, kindly complete and submit the form below by Tuesday, October 3, 2006. If you are willing to transport your child or small group of children, it will allow us to eliminate your stop from our bus routes and ultimately, provide us with the opportunity to pick up the students that live furthest from our school at a more reasonable time.**

Although best case scenario would find all of our students riding the busses and arriving on time for rehearsals, if a small percentage of parents drive to the early morning performing arts periods, the compromise may allow our program to be more accessible for every student. I apologize for the inconvenience, but believe that in the end, we will wind up with an excellent program for all to be proud of!

Thank you for your continued support and positive contributions to our music programs. As I am committed to making our music program work for everyone, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas. If we continue to work together cooperatively, we will make this work for all.

Very truly yours,

RETURN ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006

## Early Morning Transportation Opt Out

Students Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree to 'opt out' of district bussing for early morning rehearsals only and will provide alternate transportation for my child(ren). I understand that my early morning 'stop' will be eliminated from the bus route.**

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Parent / Guardian Signature

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Date

cc: Mrs. Christine Johnson, Superintendent of Schools