

## **Parent/Guardian Guidelines Regarding the School Bus:**

- Students must be waiting outside at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before pick up time despite weather conditions (rain, snow or darkness etc.). Buses cannot wait for students to walk from their homes. Due to the bus driver shortage, we have tighter time frames to move more children with less buses, we will not be able to come back if the student misses the bus.
- All students will be assigned seats. Remind students that they should remain seated and use “inside voices” while on the school bus.
- Make sure students wait for the bus at least 15’ feet from the side of the road.
- Provide students with a school bag and remind them to use it to carry all their belongings. The item that the student has dropped, then runs to retrieve could result in a horrible tragedy. Remove loose drawstrings and key chains off of coats and backpacks.
- Dress your students properly for bad weather days.
- Make sure your student knows their first and last names (addresses and phone numbers are a bonus).
- Remember, young students (K-3) must have an adult to receive them when being dropped off. If someone other than a parent will receive the student, please let the Transportation Dept. know. If no one is there to receive the student, the student is kept on the bus and returned to school.

**Please keep contact information up to date. Contact dispatch with any changes, questions or concerns at [\(585\)267-1480](tel:5852671480) or [www.pittsfordschools.org](http://www.pittsfordschools.org) and click “transportation”.**

## **PARENTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**

Each year from September to June, hundreds of thousands of school vehicles travel the nation’s highways. They cover millions of miles transporting students of all ages to and from school each and every day. The areas may differ, but the goal in every case is the same: **SAFETY!**

Much has been written concerning vehicles, training of drivers, planning of routes, but an often untapped resource . . . and a critical one in terms of success . . . is the parents and guardians of the passengers.