



Tuckahoe Union Free School District
65 Siwanoy Boulevard
Eastchester, New York 10709

Dr. Barbara Nuzzi
Superintendent of Schools

Tel. #: (914) 337-6600 ext. 1250
Fax #: (914) 337-3072

August, 2013

To: All Parents
From: Dr. Barbara Nuzzi
Subject: **Children's Safety on School Buses**

Please be aware that New York State has an "unauthorized boarder" law * that prohibits unauthorized persons from entering and remaining on school buses. This law was passed to protect children from persons who might pose a threat to them. The bus drivers have been trained to enforce this law and will request any unauthorized persons to leave their bus.

The only authorized boarders are:

- students
- school district employees with specific responsibility for (a) supervising students on the buses (e.g., bus monitors), and/or (b) monitoring bus operations.
- bus company employees with specific responsibility for (a) driving school buses, or (b) training and evaluating bus drivers.

Please note that parents are not considered authorized boarders unless they are authorized chaperones. However, if there are extenuating circumstances in your child's case, feel free to make your principal aware of this situation so that he/she can thoroughly evaluate it.

Also, please be aware that the bus company's insurance only provides coverage to the students and authorized bus company employees. Unauthorized boarders are not covered; this represents an uninsured risk to the bus company which they should not be expected to accept.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call my office or your child's Principal.

* *Penal Law 240.00 and 240.35*