



## ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Traditionally, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the start date for APS families with students in grades 7-12 to purchase their bus passes and incoming sixth grade students would register for their free bus passes for the upcoming school year.

As a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis, Andover Public Schools has decided to postpone the sale or distribution of bus passes for the 2020-21 school year. We are extending the postponement of bus passes sales, pending guidance from local health officials, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and Governor Baker.

We do not want to sell bus passes until a clear plan for bus service during COVID-19 is developed. It is important for residents to have a full understanding of the bus service the district will be able to offer for the 2020-21 school year, before they are required to purchase a bus pass. It is important to note that this process will dramatically shorten the timeframe for purchasing a bus pass this year. We will update you with this information as soon as possible.

These plans are constantly evolving and the district must be responsive and flexible based on the direction of authorities.

We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,

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**About APS:** The mission of the Andover Public Schools, in partnership with the entire Andover community, is to educate by engaging and inspiring students to develop as self-reliant, responsible citizens who are thinkers, problem solvers, and contributors prepared to participate in an evolving global society.