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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Carbondale Area School District is conducting a survey of its parents and guardians to begin the 2020-2021 school year. In order to prepare for a possible hybrid opening in the future, the district is reaching out to parents to obtain their transportation needs.

Due to COVID-19 the district is receiving inquiries from parents that wish to transport their own child or children. The opt-out program is voluntary and is specifically designed for families of school aged children who do not plan on using the school bus to get to and from school during the school year.

This program helps the District optimize travel time on the school bus routes, identify appropriate bus stops, and allow for more consistent and efficient transportation service. Also, this year because of COVID-19 the district will need to create a plan that maximizes safety on the school buses. It is our plan to provide safe, consistent transportation during the district's hybrid phase and when the district returns to a full in-the-building schedule.

The transportation opt-out program will not impact your child(rens)'s ability to ride district provided transportation to attend fields trips, athletic events, emergency evacuations, etc. Parents who opt-out will also be responsible for ensuring that their children are transported to or from school on school days with delayed openings or early dismissals.

If you choose to have your child(ren) opt-out of bus transportation, please complete and return a signed copy of the form below (available on the Carbondale Area School District website – www.carbondalearea.org) by September 14, 2020 to the District's Transportation Director, Kimberly Michalek.

The school district understands the unforeseen circumstances may occur; therefore, if you decided that your child requires bus transportation, kindly contact Kimberly Michalek to request reinstatement of those services. If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Michalek.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Michalek
Assistant Business Manager &
Transportation Director

Carbondale Area School District
Transportation Opt-Out Form
2020-2021

Please use this form to opt out of Carbondale Area School District's transportation for the 2020-2021 school year.

I am voluntarily electing to decline school bus transportation services for my child/children identified below during the 2020-2021 school year, as evidenced by my signature below.

I understand that I am not forfeiting my right to transportation and may opt-in at any time.

The following students will **not be riding the bus on any day, either to or from school**, during the 2020-2021 school year.

Student: _____ School: _____

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Parent/Guardian 1 _____
(Name) (Signature)

Parent/Guardian 2 _____
(Name) (Signature)

Street Address _____ City _____

Please complete and return a signed copy of the form by September 14, 2020, to the District's Transportation Director, Kimberly Michalek, by one of the means identified below:

1. E-mail kimberly.michalek@carbondaleara.org
2. Regular Mail 101 Brooklyn Street, Carbondale, PA 18407
3. Fax 570-282-6988