



# Denville Township Schools

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## **Tragic Bus Accident in Mount Olive Revised May 21, 2018**

Denville Community:

I am sure everyone is extremely upset with the news of the fatal school bus accident yesterday. As a parent and educational leader it is hard for me to come to terms with tragedies like this. Our hearts go out to the families of the children and staff members of East Brook Middle School.

I put together some information on our transportation operations below:

- We own, maintain and operate a fleet of 30 buses with an in-house staff of 40+ people.
- All buses are equipped with seatbelts for the safety of the children. Drivers are instructed to remind students to buckle up while riding the bus daily. *Please note – when rented coach buses are used on some field trips; seat belts are not guaranteed.*
- All drivers perform a thorough pre-trip daily 30 point inspection on their assigned buses and report any problems immediately.
- All Denville bus drivers take part in all mandatory DOT/DOE trainings as well as additional district mandated training.
- We employ two mechanics who repair reported problems and perform quarterly inspections on all school vehicles.
- In addition to our daily and quarterly inspections, NJMVC performs bi-annual inspections for all vehicles used for school transportation. If a bus does not meet NJMVC requirements, it is taken out of service until all repairs are addressed and it is re-inspected by NJMVC.
- District Policy 4160 requires that all drivers undergo a yearly CDL physical examination.
- Over the past few years we installed red-light cameras on the exterior of many of our buses in an attempt to stop drivers from passing stopped school buses. With the help of the Denville Police Department, we have issued many summonses to motorists who disobey the signals.

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tom DeAngelo, Transportation Director at [tdeangelo@denville.org](mailto:tdeangelo@denville.org) or 973-983-6530 ext. 2410 or you can always contact me at [sforte@denville.org](mailto:sforte@denville.org).*

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