



May 2, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians of Laveen Bus Riders:

Beginning next year, students will be issued a new ID badge that contains a chip. All buses will be equipped with electronic card readers. As the student boards and exits the bus, he or she will tap their badge against the reader. A green light will illuminate on the reader if the swipe is successful. Safety is a primary concern of the Laveen School District; this bus pass system will tell our dispatchers if a student was on board and where they exited.

In preparation for the new procedures, our front office staff will be affixing transportation labels to student badges. This label will contain the student's route number and bus stop location. In the event a student boards the wrong bus or is unsure as to where they should exit, the bus driver can easily look at the sticker and ensure the student is where they should be. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of the new procedures.

As these two phases are implemented, it will be important that your child have their badge with them each day. We will never leave a student at the bus stop in the morning and will bring all students to school. However, a student who has forgotten their badge must report to their school office for a temporary pass for the ride home.

We are looking forward to this bus pass system being fully implemented for the start of the 2017-18 school year.

Sincerely,