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Transportation Guidelines for the 2008-2009 School Term

Free bus service is provided for those who live greater than one and one-half miles from school. Students living in the free bus areas will automatically be assigned a stop according to their home address. If transportation other than a home stop is needed, please read and complete the Babysitter/Childcare Information Form. You are eligible for free bus service if you do not live in any of the option-to-pay areas described below and you do not need to read any further.

NOTE: Bus information from the previous year(s) is not kept.

All appropriate forms must be filled out and turned in by stated deadlines.

Option-to-pay bus service is available on a limited basis for those who live less than one and one-half miles from school. Busing distance is **based on your residence and not your day-care or babysitting arrangements**. If you live in the Deerpath subdivision with children attending Elementary South, the Aspen School or the Middle School South, you do not receive free bus service and you are eligible for option-to-pay bus service. If you live in the New Century Town subdivision west of Big and Little Bear Lakes with children attending Elementary North, Townline School, Middle School North or Middle School South you do not receive free bus service and you are eligible for option-to-pay bus service.

Hawthorn Elementary South K – 5th Grades (8:40 AM – 2:55 PM): All Kindergarten through 5th grade students qualify for free busing to the Elementary South building except those living within the Deerpath subdivision. A crossing guard will continue to be assigned on Aspen Drive at Augusta.

Aspen School K – 5th Grades (7:55 AM - 2:10 PM): All Kindergarten through 5th grade students qualify for free busing to the Aspen School building except those living within the Deerpath subdivision. Crossing guards will continue to be assigned on Aspen Drive and Augusta.

Hawthorn Elementary North K - 5th Grades (8:40 AM – 2:55 PM): All Kindergarten through 5th grade students qualify for free busing to the Elementary North building except those living within the New Century Town subdivision west of Big and Little Bear Lakes. Crossing guards will continue to be assigned on Hawthorn Parkway.

Townline School K - 5th Grades (8:50 AM – 3:05 PM): All Kindergarten through 5th grade students qualify for free busing to the Townline School building except those living within the New Century Town subdivision west of Big and Little Bear Lakes. Crossing guards will continue to be assigned on Hawthorn Parkway.

Hawthorn Middle School North 6th - 8th Grades (7:40 AM - 2:10 PM): All 6th through 8th grade students qualify for free busing to the Middle School North building except those living within the New Century Town subdivision west of Big and Little Bear Lakes. Crossing guards will continue to be assigned on Hawthorn Parkway.

Hawthorn Middle School South 6th - 8th Grades (7:40 AM - 2:10 PM): All 6th through 8th grade students qualify for free busing to the Middle School South building except those living within the Deerpath subdivision. A crossing guard will continue to be assigned to assist students crossing Route 60.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Middle School bus stops generally are not the same stops as the Elementary Schools.

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**PLEASE NOTE THESE BASIC RULES RELATING TO
OPTION-TO-PAY BUSING for the 2008-2009 School Term**

1. Qualification for Optional busing is based on your permanent address, **NOT your babysitting or day-care address**. When choosing your day care or babysitting arrangements, it is recommended that you ask your babysitter / day care if they provide transportation to your child's school. Since the Optional bus routes do not necessarily stop at all day care facilities on all routes, it is the parents' responsibility to be sure busing will be available.
2. Since Optional busing is based on the number of students available to ride the bus, the District has the right to adhere strongly to the deadlines for payments to ensure cost efficiency of the bus. The District, however, may also waive the deadline to increase the number of riders, also to ensure cost efficiency of the bus. Parents who may require additional time to make payments due to the number of children they may need to have bused may contact the District Office to develop a payment plan.
3. Since the option-to-pay bus service is available due to the number of students committing to ride the bus, **refunds cannot** be made due to moving or dissatisfaction with the route. The option-to-pay routes are developed with the same guidelines as the regular routes, so participants should understand that the optional bus will not be providing door to door limousine-type service.
4. Requests for this optional bus service **must be received prior to July 14, 2008** for those arrangements to be in effect on the first day of school. Requests received after this date may be held and processed after the route freeze is lifted.
5. For **new** residents moving into the District, participation for the Optional bus will be based on availability of space on the bus, and the cost will be based on the nearest quarter of the school year. In other words, families who move into the District in January will be prorated at half the regular cost, since the end of January is the middle of the school year.
6. Optional bus payments are based on routes to and from school. With the exception of Kindergarten students, there are **no "one-way"** types of payments available. However, it is always the prerogative of the parents to have their children transported in an alternative manner if they so choose.

An application for the option-to-pay bus service is enclosed with this packet. If you have any questions regarding the transportation information as it relates to your child, please call your child's current school for assistance.