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Dear Parents of Transported Students:

I am writing to let you know about an important topic that will be discussed at the February 11th School board meeting concerning student transportation. Time is set aside for public comment to hear concerns you may have.

As you may know, our current school board policy states students to be transported on district buses need to live at least 1.5 miles from school or live in areas determined to be hazardous. Until several years ago the policy stated students would be transported if they lived 1.0 miles from school. When the criterion was changed, no adjustment was made to the transportation program. We currently are not following District policy.

Regardless of what decision is made, District 181 will continue to transport students living in hazardous areas as determined by the Illinois Department of Transportation.* The possibilities to be discussed may include:

- Aligning the transportation program with the current school board policy and only transporting students who live a minimum of 1.5 miles from school. This would result in significantly fewer students being offered bus transportation and a reduction in bus routes. Potentially almost \$200,000 could be saved.
- Aligning the school board policy with current practice to allow transportation for students living a minimum of 1.0 miles from school.
- Changing the board policy to some other criteria for pupil transportation.
- Transporting students less than the minimum distance but charging a fee for that service. School Code mandates only students living a minimum of 1.5 miles from school be transported and allows districts to charge for transporting students who do not meet this criteria.

The meeting on February 11th will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Oak School. If you have concerns about pupil transportation and the alternatives above, I would encourage you to attend the meeting. Your opinion is important.

Jay W. Grimes
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* See other side for a list of those areas.

Students who live in these areas will continue to be bused.

Monroe School: Students north of Ogden Avenue

Oak School: Students east of County Line Road or north of 47th Street

Elm School: Students east of County Line Road or south of Plainfield Road. Also students who live on Plainfield Road, 55th Street, parts of Madison Street or parts of Garfield Avenue

Hinsdale Middle School: Students south of 55th Street

Clarendon Hills Middle School: Students south of the railroad tracks

Prospect School: None

Madison, The Lane and Walker Schools do not have any transportation services.