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Dear Northville Community and Staff:

As you are aware, the severe state funding cuts have forced the Northville Public Schools to reduce the 2009-10 budget by \$2.1 million, with an anticipated additional budget shortfall of \$7 million for 2010-11.

One of the final reductions for the 2009-10 school year includes revisions to the middle school and high school transportation programs.

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education adopted a "satellite stop" morning pick up and drop off for high school students and a satellite morning pick up and a consolidated neighborhood stop drop off in the afternoon for middle school students.

Final details of the plan were presented at the March 23, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

This communication will explain the revised transportation program that will take effect on **Monday, April 12, 2010.**

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **Meads Mill Middle School**

Morning buses will arrive at the following locations at

**7:40 a.m. and depart at 7:50 a.m.:**

- Silver Springs Elementary School
- Ridge Wood Elementary School
- Millennium Park (Behind the Fire Station)
- Northville High School (west lot adjacent to the soccer stadium)
- Northville Trails area; explained below

**7:47a.m.** Eagle Trace & Country Knoll

**7:50 a.m.** 16925 Abbey Circle

**7:53 a.m.** 40470 Northville Trail

**7:54 a.m.** Coachwood Circle & East Northville Trail

### **It is important to note the following:**

- Meads Mill will open at 7:00 a.m. and all students are to report to the cafeteria upon arrival.
- Supervision in the cafeteria will be provided.
- Food Service will provide breakfast items as long as it is cost effective to do so.
- Bicycle rack space at the elementary schools is limited to elementary student use only. Middle school students must find other means to secure their bicycles.
- The west Northville High School parking lot (adjacent to the soccer stadium) is reserved for buses only until 7:40 a.m.

## **Hillside Middle School**

Morning buses will arrive at the following locations at

**7:40 a.m. and depart at 7:50 a.m.:**

- Thornton Creek Elementary School
- Moraine Elementary School
- Ridge Wood Elementary School (Waterstone & Steeple Chase)
- ITC Park

The Hillside afternoon take home consolidated stop schedule is attached. Please note the changes.

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- Food Service will provide breakfast items as long as it is cost effective to do so.
- Bicycle rack space at the elementary schools is limited to elementary student use only. Middle school students must find other means to secure their bicycles.

This plan will commence on April 12 and will be monitored for possible revisions during the first two weeks. Your understanding that the District will require this time to fine tune the revised plan is appreciated.

It is understood that changes in the transportation program will present challenges and inconveniences for some families. This plan represents a cost saving alternative to a previous option to eliminate morning transportation for the high school and middle school students and is expected to reduce the traffic congestion impact at the three schools.

Thank you for your continued support of Northville Schools. I remain confident that, working together, we will navigate these financial uncertainties with a focus on providing the best possible educational program for all students.

Sincerely,

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