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Dear Parents:

Please accept this advanced notification that due to budgetary constraints outlined in the FY10 budget, I will be requesting that the Board of School Committee amend the current Transportation Policy. The amendment will change the transportation eligibility requirement for students in grades 1 through 8 and the provision of high school transportation effective September 1, 2009.


If this request is granted the Manchester School District will provide school bus service to public school students in grades 1 through 8 who live more than 2 miles from the school to which they are assigned. This is a change from the current policy of providing transportation to students who live more than 1.4 miles from the school to which they are assigned. Please be advised that with this change the Manchester School District remains in compliance with New Hampshire law, RSA 189:6, which requires that "the local school district shall furnish transportation to all pupils in grades 1 through 8 who live more than 2 miles from the school to which they are assigned".

The Transportation Office is working with the Manchester Transit Authority to determine student eligibility. Once student eligibility is determined you will be notified if this change in the eligibility requirement applies to your child(ren).

The Manchester School District also will no longer be providing buses for high school students in areas not covered by regular routes of the Manchester Transit Authority Transit buses. The District will obtain updated Manchester Transit Authority Transit Routes and post them on the Manchester School District website.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Respectfully,


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C: Board of School Committee
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