

July 29, 2024

Dear Antietam Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

I hope you are having a great summer. We are really looking forward to welcoming students back to our schools in just a few weeks. It's been a challenging year since the flood last summer, but we have made tremendous progress, and we are so optimistic about the coming school year.

As you know, there are many changes in our facilities, and our bus transportation has changed as a result.

Beginning this school year, only students in grades kindergarten through third grade will be eligible for transportation services under the following conditions:

- The student lives outside the 1.5 miles walking zone for the new Stony Creek Elementary Center (Modular Buildings) --- please see the attached map that shows the walking zone
- The student lives in an area which has been identified as a hazardous walking route (generally students who live above Carsonia Avenue and outside of the designated walk-zone again, see enclosed map).

If your child meets this criteria, you will receive an email from District transportation services - <u>transportation@antietamsd.org</u> by Friday, August 2, 2024, to confirm that we are able to offer bus transportation for the school year.

Our School Board and administration carefully analyzed transportation and after months of discussion and public meetings made these transportation changes.

If you have a question about why your K - 3 student is not scheduled to receive transportation services, please email <u>transportation@antietamsd.org</u>. We are happy to review and answer any questions or concerns.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we continue to move forward with plans. I know our entire staff and faculty will do all we can to ensure our students have a fantastic school year.

Thank you,

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