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RE: Ashton Farms West & Brickleton Woods Neighborhoods

Dear Parents/Guardians,
12h Street Elementary School

On July 14 we sent you a letter informing you that your neighborhood was planned to be a “walk to school” zone starting this September.

Since that time we have heard concerns from some parents regarding the non-transport distance to 12th Street Elementary School. After considerable discussion and careful consideration, the District has decided to revise the transportation boundary to include the Ashton Farms West No. 2 neighborhood. This includes Blackburn, Geneva, Milan, Oldenberg, Salerno Streets and the 3 lots on the south end of Provence. Enclosed with this letter is estimated transportation information for students who reside on the above streets. We are pleased to be able to provide this additional service.

Families residing in Ashton Farms West (No. 1) and Brickleton Woods area will continue to be in the walk or non-transport area of 12th Street Elementary School. However, those families may request to be placed on a “waiting” list for available bus seats on the bus serving Ashton Farms West No. 2. This will be determined after the official Michigan Department of Education count date of October 7, 2009. To be placed on the waiting list, please submit a Transportation Request form to the Transportation Office at the address listed above. Forms may be downloaded at: http://www.portageps.org/departments/transportation/requestform/transportation_requestform.pdf and are also available at all Portage School offices.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 323-5151. Thank you again for your patience during this transitional time.

Sincerely,

Louk Markham
Transportation Manager

Cc: Mr. Noverr, Assistant Superintendent for Operations
Mr. Jones, 12th Street Elementary Principal

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