

Recommendation to Consolidate Middle/High School Bus Stops

The Portage Public Schools Transportation Department and administration is recommending the consolidation of numerous middle and high school bus stops for the 2010-11 school year. Elementary school bus stops will not be consolidated at this time. By consolidating student bus stops, we would be able to provide high quality bus service while saving limited tax dollars for the classrooms.

According to the PPS budget survey in November 2009, 58% of respondents indicated that they would support a reduced and/or restructured transportation program and further that 73% believed that bus service should not be eliminated. While most middle and high school students would walk further to their bus stop, daily bus service would continue to be available.

Nearly 600 bus stops currently serve 1,650 middle and high school students. This recommendation would result in approximately 350 bus stops serving the same student population. Savings are generated through a more efficient route system that would minimize miles traveled (fuel) and staff time.

As a reminder, all students are required to sign up by June 30 if they want to ride the bus. Bus stops will be assigned within appropriate school policy. Please sign up online after May 1 at <http://www.portageps.org>; complete a Transportation Request form at http://www.portageps.org/departments/transportation/requestform/transportation_requestform.pdf (forms are also available at all school offices) or send e-mail to

transportation@portageps.org with your name, address, phone, school & grade to reserve your seat today!

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this service transition. Should you have any questions about this bus stop consolidation project, please feel free to contact the transportation office at 323-5151.