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Parents of Sunset Middle School, Niwot High School, and Frederick High School Students:

A recent audit of the attendance areas for the following schools revealed that although there are adequate walk paths, St. Vrain Valley School District has been providing transportation services to students living in areas that are within the district's prescribed walk distances of 1 ½ miles for elementary and 2 ½ miles for secondary students as specified in Board Policy EEAA, Walkers and Riders. Because adequate walk paths do exist in these areas, effective immediately, the school district will no longer provide transportation service to students living within the areas listed below:

Frederick High School

New development in Frederick and Firestone has created sidewalks that connect from Firestone (old town) to Frederick High School (on 5th Street in Frederick) eliminating the need to provide transportation service for high school students living in the shaded area of the attached map. (See map #1).

Background: Transportation has been provided to this area because no walk paths existed.

Walk Distance: Approximately 1.8 miles

Sunset Middle School

With the completion of the Pike Road underpass, Sunset Middle School students living south of Pike Road and north of Plateau Road between Highway 287 and Hover Road now have access to and from Sunset Middle School without having to cross Pike Road therefore, eliminating the need to provide transportation in the developments known as Creekside, Rainbow Ridge, and Prospect. (See attached map #2).

Background: Transportation has been provided to this area south of Pike Road since these homes were built as both the city and district agreed that crossing Pike Road was unsafe for middle school students.

Walk distance: Approximately 1.8 miles

Niwot High School

Boulder County has developed several walk paths in this area creating neighborhood access from the areas near downtown Niwot to Niwot High School thus eliminating the need to provide transportation to students living in the shaded areas on the attached map. (See map #3).

Background: Transportation was originally provided to this area because no walk paths existed from the downtown area of Niwot to Niwot High School.

Walk distance: Approximately 1.9 miles

If you have any questions regarding whether your child or children are affected as this service is discontinued, please contact the Transportation Department at (303) 682-7256.

Sincerely.

Rick Ring

Director of Custodial & Transportation Services





