



REDLANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Notice Regarding High School Transportation Service for the 2010-2011 School Year

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The unprecedented financial turmoil in the State of California has forced school districts to make extremely difficult decisions that are necessary to ensure that they meet the needs of their students. General education transportation, a long-time service provided to the students of our district, has traditionally been underfunded by the State. In fiscal year 2009-2010, transportation funding was cut an additional 20 percent. To meet the cost of transporting students, money is taken away from the classroom.

To keep the impact of the most recent funding cuts as far away from the classroom as possible, the Redlands Unified School District Board of Education on January 12, 2010, approved a budget reduction plan that includes the elimination of general education high school transportation beginning July 2010. In keeping with Federal and State education requirements, special education transportation services, as well as routes to and from Forest Falls and Angelus Oaks will not be affected.

Though this presents a challenge for all of us, there are things we can do to limit the impact. Working with your neighbors to carpool your students to high school and using public transportation services (www.omnitrans.org) that have bus stops located close to the high schools. If you are interested in applying for an intra-district transfer to change your current high school to a closer one, we will be having an open-enrollment for these special transfers. Please visit our Enrollment Center at 7 W. Delaware, Redlands before March 19, 2010 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Transfers will be approved based on space availability.

Working together, we will get through these tough financial times and continue to provide the educational services that our students require. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Business Services office at 909-748-6741.

Sincerely,

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