

Transportation Report

August 13, 2009

A shift of Home to School Transportation funding from Prop 98 to the Public Transportation Account and the Mass Transit Fund eliminated the Governors proposal of May 29, 2009 to cut our funding by 65%. The 2009-10 budget cut/reduction to Home to School categorical programs is currently 20%.

Many districts in California will increase their walking distances to offset the loss of funding, those of us in the rural school districts do not have that option. Therefore we have looked at each route, and using the actual ridership from last year have made the following reductions to school bus service:

No service to the Sprowl Creek area for Elementary students: those students can utilize the school bus stops in Garberville.

No service beyond Blocksburg for Elementary students: those students can utilize the school bus stops in Blocksburg.

No service beyond the New Harris store for Elementary students: those students can utilize the school bus stop at the New Harris store.

Specific areas in our district with low ridership will continue to have service due to the mandated transportation requirement.

These changes have enabled the department to combine 4 routes into 2 routes and meet the 20% funding reduction.

Route eliminations and changes will be posted in the local papers, along with attempts to contact the families that will be impacted.

Respectfully submitted by ;

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