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Re: Secondary Schools Late Activity Transportation Protocol and safety

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AISD provides bus transportation to students who participate in after-school activities at the majority of the district's middle and high schools.

The "late activity" buses depart campuses at or after 6 p.m. Bus drivers drop off students within two blocks of their residence during the early evening and within one block after dark.

At this time, drivers rely on students to confirm the location of their residence. There are no designated stops. Every day, the riders change, so the late activity route changes. In addition, the drivers have no way to determine who is riding the bus. Knowing who is on the bus is important to student safety and for timely parent notification, especially if a student becomes ill or if there is an accident.

### **Effective 2017–18 School Year**

For the 2017–18 school year, the transportation team will set up routes for students based on their afternoon bus stop assignments. Schools will be able to see the evening assignment in the system to direct students to their late activity bus.

### **Benefits of Proposed Late Activity Procedure**

- Parents will be able to track students' late activity bus on the WheresTheBus app.
- The overall length of the routes will decrease as there will be fewer possible stops.
- Parents will know where the bus will drop off their children.
- Students will have a bus assignment, which reduces confusion for new users and decreases the time to load the bus.
- School team members will know whether a student is eligible for late activity service and, if so, to which bus to send the student.
- Drivers will be able to research the location of the stops ahead of time.
- The district will be able to increase the retention of drivers. The current procedure is stressful and unpleasant for many drivers.
- All bus stops will continue to be developed with safety in mind—and continue to take into account hazardous conditions. For example, many rural routes make stops at students' homes.

Thank you for working with us to help ensure every student arrives home in a safe and timely manner after leaving school each day. Please contact Transportation department at 512-414-0238 with any questions.