



Transportation Department

June 29, 2009

Parents/ Guardians/ Schools

RE: After school Activity Routes

In a time of unparalleled funding reductions to public schools, we need every available operational dollar for classroom programs and can no longer afford to provide additional bus service as we have in the past. Therefore this notice is to alert you that all Activity Routes have been consolidated to support the budget constraints that will keep the monies in the classrooms. These routes are **not flexible and no other stops will be added.** These routes will provide transportation to the general area where it will be up to the parents to pick up the students at the drop sites.

The bus stop elimination in your neighborhood along with other route alterations will save at least \$150,000 annually. You are probably aware of some of the more drastic cuts that neighboring school districts have planned for next year such as eliminating librarians and counselors, reducing teachers, and closing schools. We also face budget challenges; because the state eliminated \$7.3 million in funding to our district, we are increasing the class-size ratio by one student. The rising price of fuel alone will cost us an additional \$100,000 or more in 2009-10. By tightening our budget in places like transportation, we can protect the money allocated for classrooms and focus where it counts: on learning. For complete details about our financial outlook, click "Budget 2009-2010 on the district's homepage, www.issaquah.wednet.edu.

Thank you for your continued support that enables us to provide after school activity transportation to your school. Please contact your building principal or the transportation department at 425-837-6330.

Sincerely,

Jo Porter, Director of Transportation
Issaquah School District