

Additional Transportation Proposal

In our school district, there are close to 80 students who walk to school and live approximately one (1) mile (in the Markham area) from their respective schools. These boundaries include the North Side of 163rd and Western and Lathrop, and the South side of 157th between Western and Ashland. For the next several months, they will be walking in below freezing temperatures on a daily basis to make it to school. Without extreme temperatures, the distance and the volume of children walking is great enough to where we should actively pursue addressing our children's safety.

This proposal seeks for the district to add two buses per day to accommodate the needs of our students who have to walk this far. Each bus has a 50 passenger capacity so two buses will be needed to pick up all the students. The total cost for these additional routes will be \$218.32 per day. If we could have the buses in place by March 2, 2015, our costs would be \$7860.96 for the duration of the academic year. We will also incur an expense of \$6500 (for the rest of the academic year) for two bus monitors who will add to the safety of the students. This will be approximately \$15,000 for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year.

Benefits of Adding Additional Routes

- Significantly increases chances for a safe arrival to and from school.
- Increases punctuality and attendance.
- Protects students from intermittent weather in all seasons
- Shows the initiative District 152 takes to protect students.
- Gives parents travel assurance for their children.