

Center Cass District #66



Transportation Update & Walk Zone considerations
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Historical

- For a number of years now, recruiting, hiring and retaining quality school bus drivers has been a nationwide challenge. At CCSD66, we have been able to stave off this without a reduction in services.
- The CCSD66 Transportation network consisted of 10 regular ed routes since my becoming director in 2008. We currently operate 7 regular routes (with a couple smaller busses to handle overflow).
- To reduce costs, we began purchasing our minibuses and full size spare bus inexpensively, as opposed to leasing, saving approximately \$100,000 per bus over the life of the lease.
- Our Lease commitments V. owned equipment assets went from **14** total leases for the 21-22 school year down to 10 total leases as of the 24-25 school year and fleet size from 14 down to 13 total.
- Cost of a 5 year lease Blue Bird bus in 2008 was \$8,888.00. Cost of a 5 year lease Blue Bird bus for 26-27 is \$29,451.00 per year!

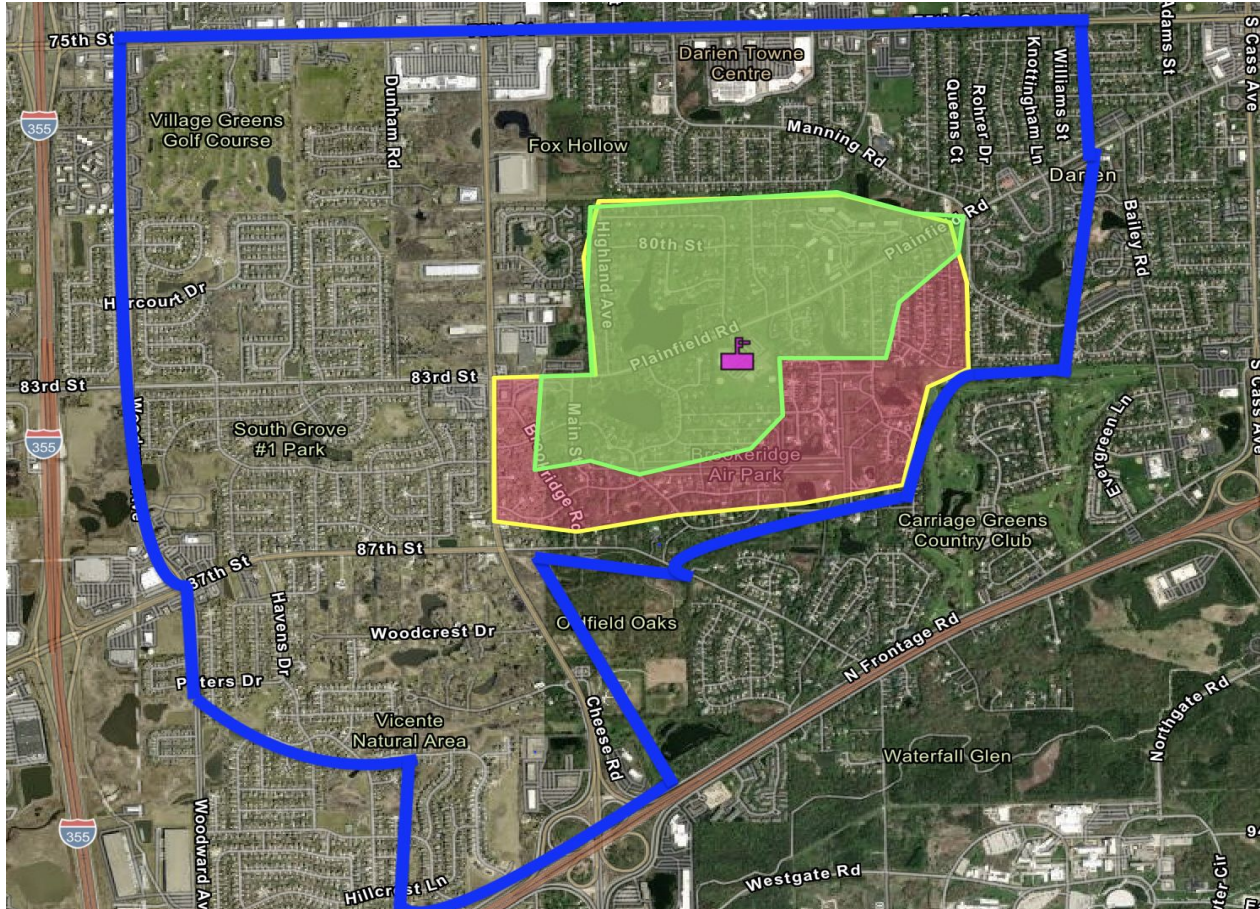
What is CCSD66 obligated to provide per ISBE?

- CCSD66 is **not required** to provide transportation to regular ed students regardless of where they live **without** an IEP specifically stating that transportation is required.
- CCSD66 has provided transportation to ALL students enrolled in regular education, Early childhood, Special needs placements and PFA
- Most all school districts abide to transportation offerings to those residing 1.5 miles or greater whether required by law or not.

What do our neighboring districts do & offer?

- **Maercker D60** - *Outsourced*
 - \$270 fee + walk zones
 - .2 Miles K-2 / .35 Miles 3rd-5th / .5 Miles 6th-8th
- **Darien D61** - *District owned*
 - 1.0 miles and less for Eisenhower (6th-8th) & Lace (3rd-5th) and .70 Miles for Mark Delay Schools (K-2)
- **Gower 62** - *District Owned*
 - \$175 fee for any bus rider regardless of distance from school.
- **Cass 63** - *Outsourced*
 - \$275 fee for any bus rider regardless of distance from school.
- **Woodridge 68** - *Outsourced*
 - Transportation offered for students 1.0 Mile and greater from their school

What could a walk zone look like for D66 in size & scale as it relates to the District boundaries?

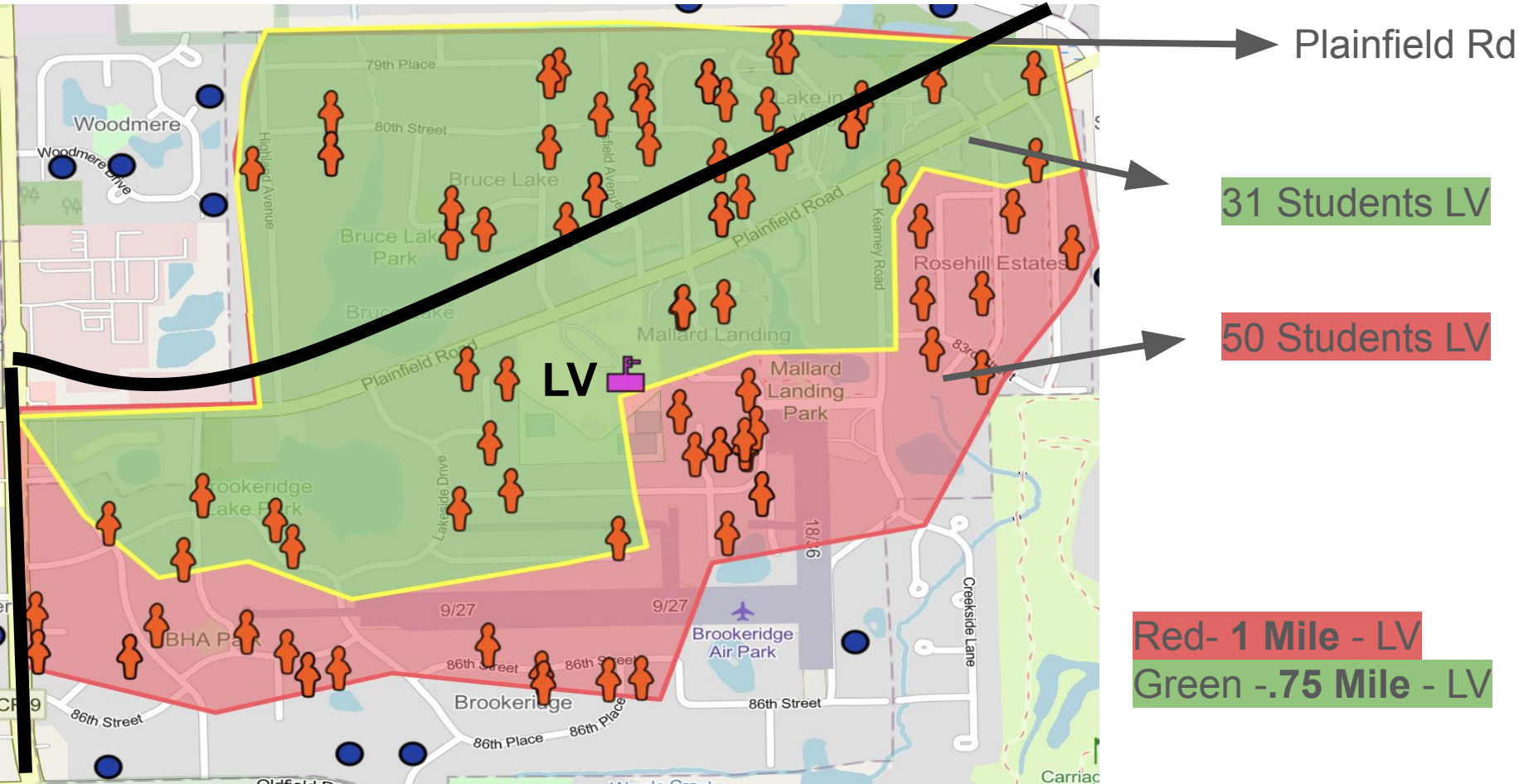


Blue - District
boundary lines

Red- 1 Mile - LV/PV

Green -.75 Mile - LV/PV

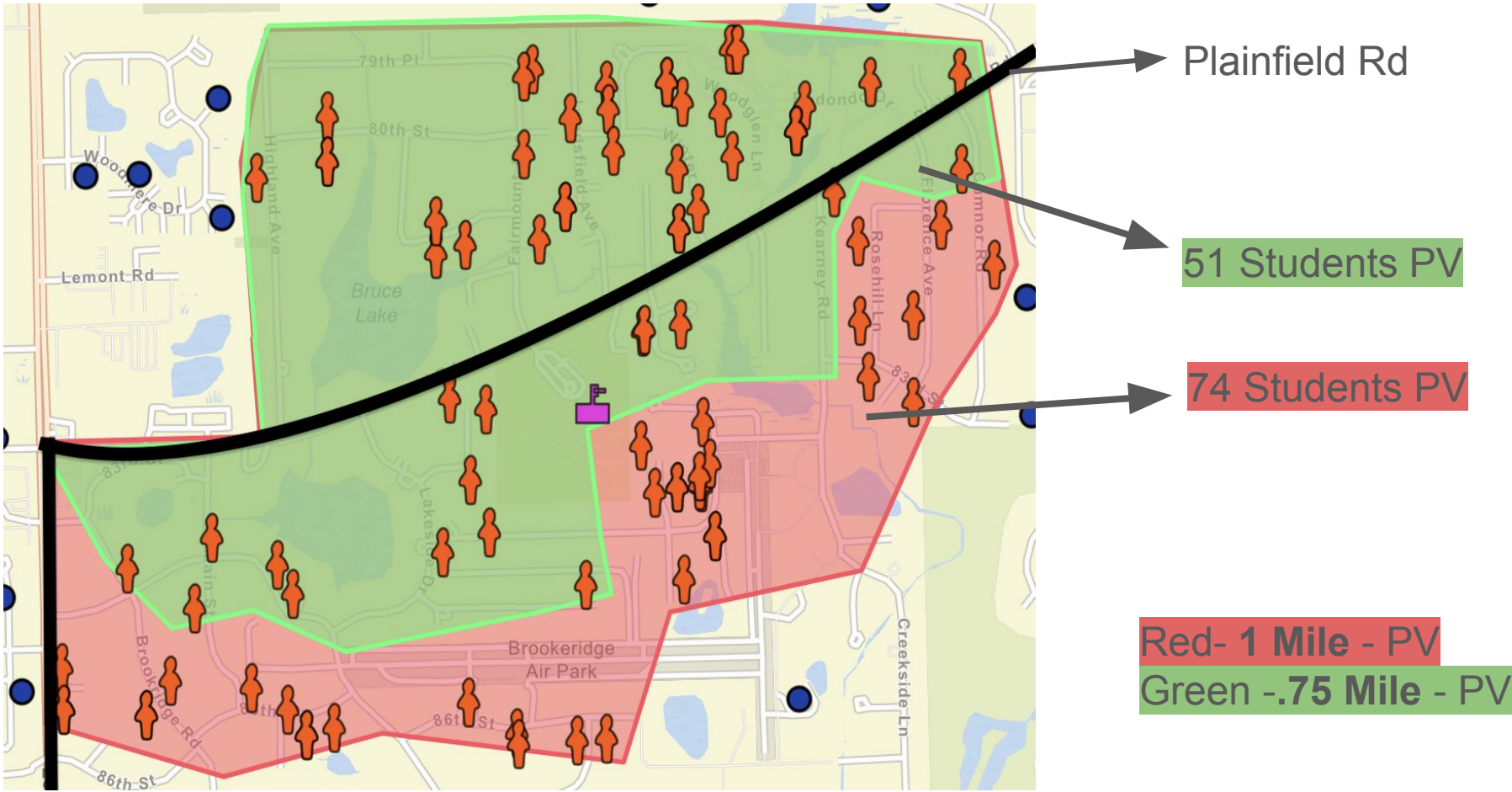
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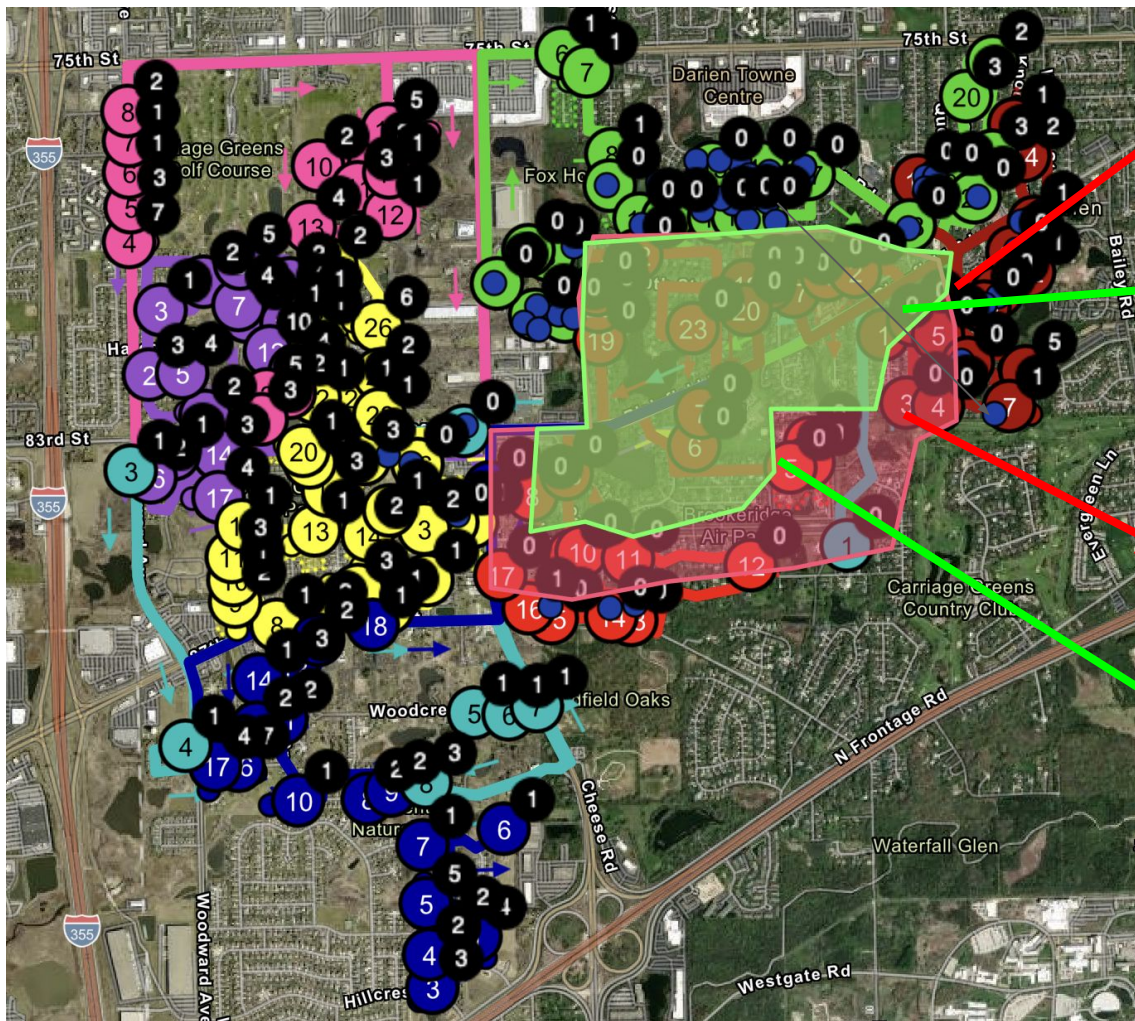


Prairieview walk zone example - .75 & 1.0 Mile or less students



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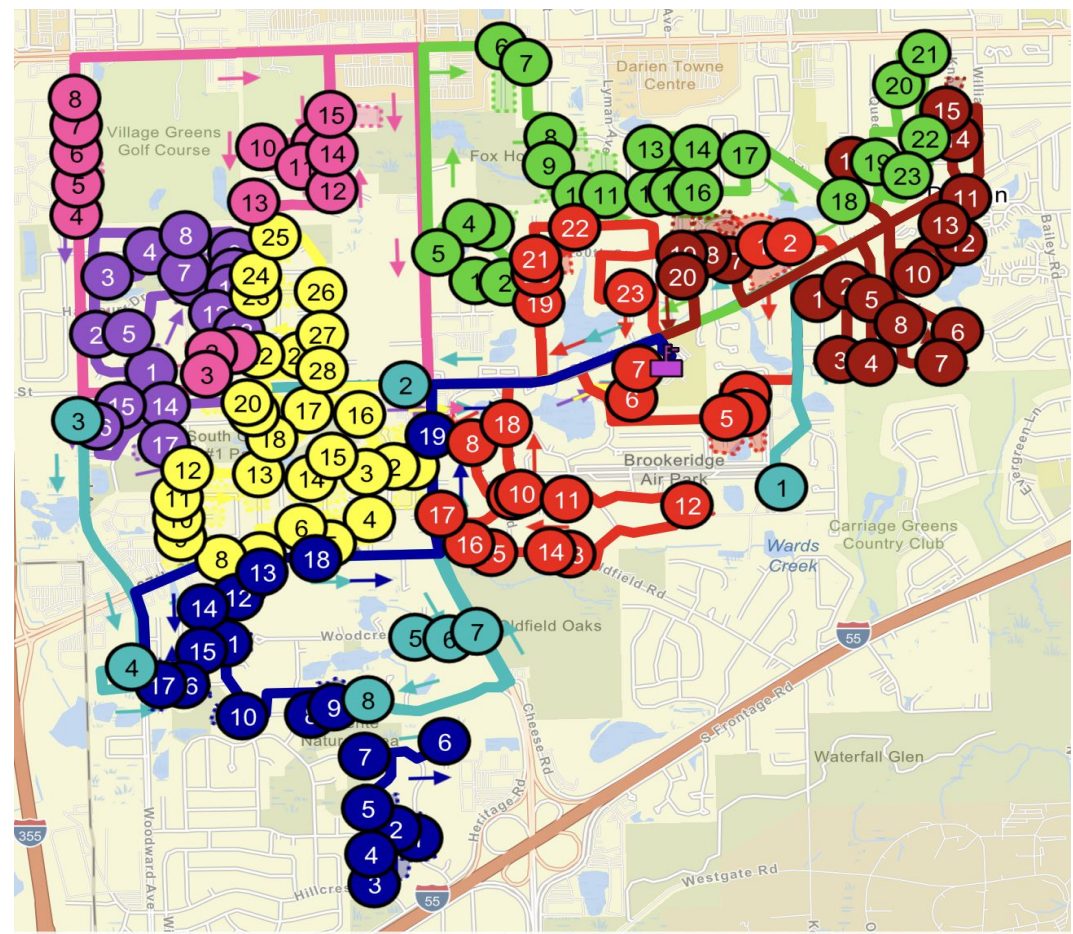
Red represents 50 LV students

Green represents 31 LV Students

Red represents 74 PV students

Green represents 51 PV Students

2025-2026 Prairieview Current bus routes



Bus #1 - Brookeridge/Bruce Lake/Lake in the woods - 54 Students-

Bus #2 - Woodward/Dunham/Golf View - 50 Students

Bus #3 - Woodmere/Farmingdale Ridge/Knottingham - 38 Students

Bus #4 - Farmingdale Village - 57 Students

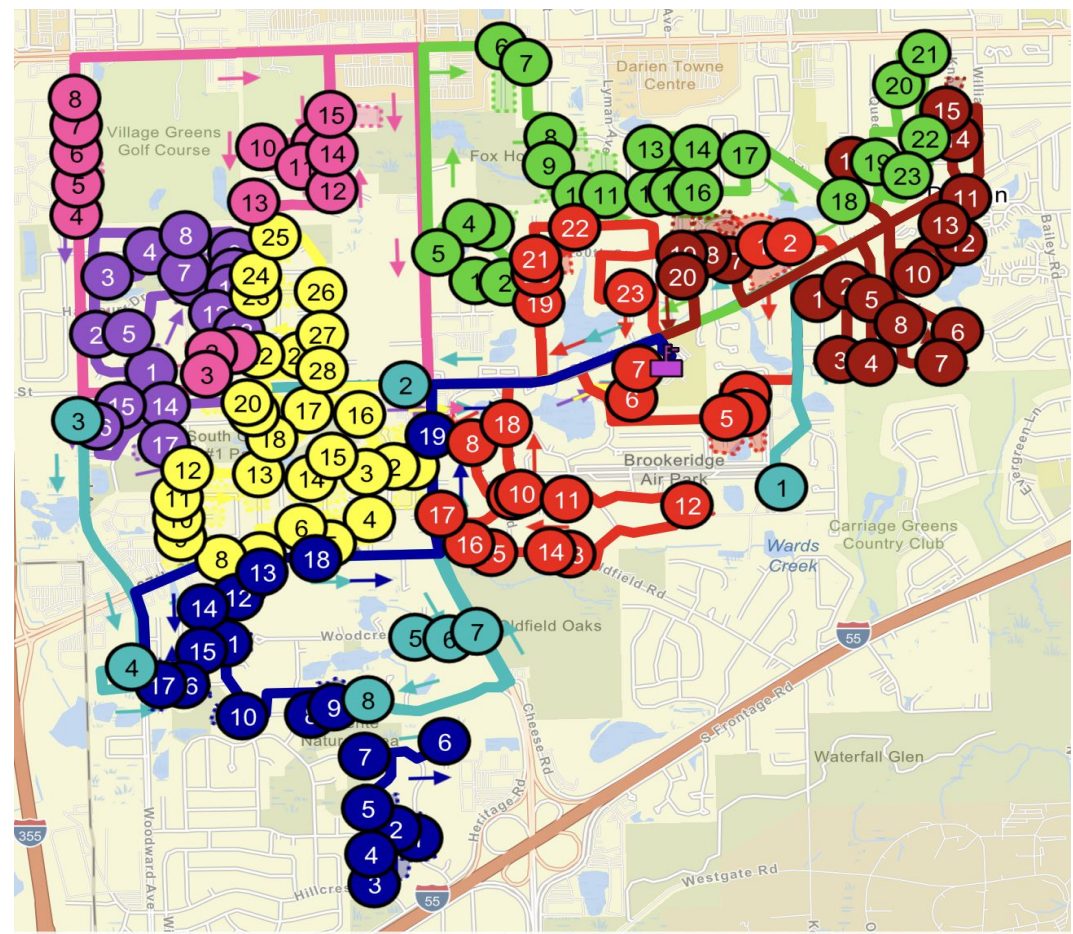
Bus #7 - Rosehill/Sawmill Creek - 46 Students

Bus #8 - Vincente/New Farmingdale - 46 students

Bus #10 - Cul De Sacs / overflow - 10 students

Bus #11 - Timbers Edge/Farmingdale West - 65 students

2025-2026 Lakeview Current bus routes



Bus #1 - Brookeridge/Bruce Lake/Lake in the woods - 32 Students-

Bus #2 - Woodward/Dunham/Golf View - 43 Students

Bus #3 - Woodmere/Farmingdale Ridge/Knottingham - 48 Students

Bus #4 - Farmingdale Village - 50 Students

Bus #7 - Rosehill/Sawmill Creek - 42 Students

Bus #8 - Vincente/New Farmingdale - 45 students

Bus #10 - Cul De Sacs / Overflow - 9 students

Bus #11 - Timbers Edge/Farmingdale West - 58 students

Current PV

Concept PV 1.0 Mile Walk Zone (using FY 25)

Bus 1	Brookeridge/Bruce Lake/Lake in the Woods	54
Bus 2	Woodward/Dunham/Golf View	50
Bus 3	Woodmere/Farmingdale Ridge/Knottingham	38
Bus 4	Farmingdale Village	57
Bus 7	Rosehill/Sawmill Creek	46
Bus 8	Vincente/New Farmingdale	46
Bus 10	Cul De Sacs / overflow	10
Bus 11	Timbers Edge/Farmingdale West	65
	Total PV	366

Bus 1	Eliminated	0
Bus 2	Woodward/Dunham/Golf View	55
Bus 3	Woodmere/Farmingdale Ridge /Knottingham/parts of eliminated route #7	43
Bus 4	Farmingdale Village	61
Bus 7	Eliminated	0
Bus 8	Vincente/New Farmingdale	46
Bus 10	Cul De Sacs / overflow	10
Bus 11	Timbers Edge/Farmingdale West	77
	Total PV	292

Current LV

Concept LV 1.0 Mile Walk Zone (using FY 25)

Bus 1	Brookeridge/Bruce Lake/Lake in the Woods	32	Bus 1	Eliminated	0
Bus 2	Woodward/Dunham/Golf View	43	Bus 2	Woodward/Dunham/Golf View/Parts of eliminated Bus #7	51
Bus 3	Woodmere/Farmingdale Ridge/Knottingham	48	Bus 3	Woodmere/Farmingdale Ridge/Knottingham/Parts eliminated route #7	52
Bus 4	Farmingdale Village	50	Bus 4	Farmingdale Village	50
Bus 7	Rosehill/Sawmill Creek	42	Bus 7	Eliminated	0
Bus 8	Vincente/New Farmingdale	45	Bus 8	Vincente/New Farmingdale	45
Bus 10	Cul De Sacs / Overflow	9	Bus 10	Cul De Sacs / Overflow	16
Bus 11	Timbers Edge/Farmingdale West	58	Bus 11	Timbers Edge/Farmingdale West	63
	Total LV	327		Total LV	277

What else should we consider/think about?

- If we keep all the routes and charge students for riding, we could collect approximately \$200,000-\$300,000 that could be used to attract and retain drivers.
- If there is a hardship in the walk zone areas - we could possibly pick up students at the corners of their streets and Plainfield rd for buses to pick up or drop off on the way to or from their existing route.

Topics for December Board Meeting

- Ways to promote and recruit drivers or prospective drivers
- If we can't find enough drivers by Spring, the Board would give the District authority to implement a 1.0 Mile walk zone for both LV and PV as presented. This would primarily affect students in Bruce Lake/Brookridge/Lake in the Woods & Rosehill neighborhoods. Plans for now would be to leave IDE alone.
- If our driver count sees a dramatic decrease during this school year, thoughts on implementing a version of the walk zone plan second semester.
- Tom will work between now and the December BOE meeting to develop fleet plan recommendations based on the walk zone conversations and budget conversations as they relate to replacing or upgrading the fleet as previously planned. Plans would be flexible to accommodate full staffing as well as walk zones.