

Benton Community Parents and Students,

This is an important announcement regarding school bus transportation services for families residing east of 33rd Avenue in Atkins. The District has determined that an additional bus route needs to be added to address the number of students riding in this area currently on bus #21. The District is adding the additional route immediately and will run the new route this afternoon (August 28).

There are currently 10 designated pick-up locations in this area and we will be splitting these ten stops between two buses. The following designated location stops will continue to be on Bus #21 in the AM and PM:

- 1. Ridgeway Drive and Ridgeway Way stop - 7:15 a.m.**
- 2. Mail Boxes on High Point Drive stop – 7:17 a.m.**
- 3. Prairie Hill Drive and Ridgeview Way stop – 7:19 a.m.**
- 4. Prairie Hill Drive and Valley Drive stop – 7:21 a.m.**
- 5. Valley Hill Drive and Valley Court stop – 7:23 a.m.**

A second bus (Bus #22) will make designated stops in the AM and PM at the following locations:

- 1. Pleasant Hill Drive and Ridgeview Drive stop – 7:15 a.m.**
- 2. Pleasant Hill Drive and Prairie Hill Drive stop – 7:17 a.m.**
- 3. Park Ridge Road and Deer Ridge Drive stop – 7:20 a.m.**
- 4. Mail Boxes at 617 Deer Ridge Drive stop – 7:22 a.m.**
- 5. Deer Ridge Drive and Pleasant Court stop – 7:24 a.m.**

A new route map is being developed and will be made available to families on the Benton Community Website homepage. We will also provide students with a copy of the map this afternoon as they get off the school bus. Also, as a result of adding this route, 7th grade students will ride Bus #22 and 8th graders will ride Bus #21 to and from the Atkins Center and the MS/HS.

Please plan accordingly and understand that the District is adding this route in our continued effort to provide a comfortable and safe school bus experience for our students. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Lyons, Transportation Director at 228-8426. Thank you.

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