

News Release

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The City of St. Charles School District will be making changes to the bus service it provides to students during the 2010-11 school-year.

In the past, the District has provided bus service to all students who live at least one mile from their respective schools. This service will remain unchanged for Elementary School students; however, service will only be provided to Intermediate School, Middle School and High School students who live more than one and one-half miles from their respective schools.

School Districts across the state recently learned of significant reductions in state funding for bus transportation. Funding was cut by approximately 50%, resulting in a loss of approximately \$400,000 for the City of St. Charles School District.

According to District Superintendent, Randal Charles, "We had already made significant reductions to the 2010-11 Budget and we were expecting to make additional reductions in the future. We were, however, a little surprised at the amount of the recent reduction in transportation funding."

The changes made by the District are estimated to reduce bus transportation costs by about \$325,000. According to Superintendent Charles, additional changes may be necessary for the 2011-12 school-year if state funding is not restored.

The District will notify parents of the change in bus transportation through letters, automated phone messages and the District web site.