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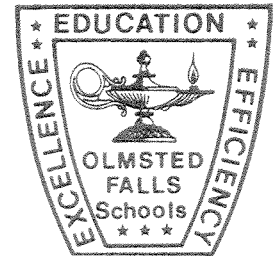
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**I am writing to inform you about important changes in District transportation services that will impact one or more student(s) in your household who are currently utilizing Alternate Transportation Requests.** As you are most likely already aware, the Olmsted Falls School District's 6.4 Mill Operating Levy on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election ballot was narrowly defeated (Final Results: 4,675 votes against the issue; 4,499 for the issue). Unfortunately, this defeat prevents the District from receiving any new operating dollars through the end of calendar year 2010. Therefore, the District must continue with the series of cuts which have been laid out in an effort to preserve the minimal operating dollars available until new funding can be secured.

Effective Monday, January 4, 2010, upon return from the upcoming winter recess, busing for students in grades K – 8 will be reduced to State minimum requirements. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3327.01, the Olmsted Falls School District will eliminate busing service to all students residing within 2 miles (by road) of the school they currently attend. Operating under these State minimum requirements, **Olmsted Falls School District will no longer service any Alternate Transportation Requests. Beginning Monday, January 4th, only those students living outside the 2-mile cut-off zones will be provided Olmsted Falls School District busing service between their home residence address and the school building they currently attend.**

**Please refer to the label (or labels) affixed to the top of this letter for confirmation regarding the student or students in your household whose Alternate Transportation Request will be suspended as of January 4, 2010.** Notification of this potential suspension of Alternate Transportation Requests was provided to parents on the District website, in the back-to-school issue of the *School Report*, and on the personalized bus cards mailed to each family of a K-8 student at the beginning of this school year.

**Important to note:** Any student currently using a private shuttle service to and/or from a day care/child care provider will still be able to do so. Additionally, students in grades 1-3 who are already on-site at Falls-Lenox will be able to continue to take advantage of the walking escort provided by Kids First and the Olmsted Community Center. However, the reduced bus routing will no longer utilize Falls-Lenox as a transfer hub. Therefore, students in other grade levels will no longer have access to the Kids First/Olmsted Community Center walking escort at Falls-Lenox.

Please watch for additional information that may be sent directly from your child's school regarding any changes in drop-off/pick-up procedures due to the anticipated increase in traffic at the building sites. You may be asked to verify any private pick-up/escort arrangements for your child at the individual building level. (*Falls-Lenox and Early Childhood Center have already sent a letter home with students to determine how students will be getting to/from school in light of this reduction in busing services.*) Please direct any specific questions to the main office at your child's school.

We hope that providing you with this advanced notification will allow you ample time to make alternate arrangements for transporting your child to/from school beginning Monday, January 4, 2010. It is our sincere hope that passage of the next operating levy, which has been placed on the February 2, 2010 ballot, will provide the additional funding needed to allow us to restore our District's busing services. **A Transportation Information Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the High School Auditorium** to answer any logistical questions regarding the changes in transportation services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd F. Hoadley".

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