



Calaveras Unified School District Transportation Department

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As many of you know, California's budget crisis has affected the Calaveras Unified School District and negatively impacts our budget by as much as \$1.14 million during this school year. One of the recommendations for continuing service to students during this budget crisis that the Board has accepted is to charge students to ride the bus to and from school.

In the State of California, regular school bus service is not required or fully funded by the state. In fact, CUSD contributes close to \$508,000 above and beyond what the State gives us for transportation each year. School districts choosing to provide bus service must use classroom funds to cover the cost. Many districts have eliminated service, reduced service, and/or implemented parent pay programs to help keep limited bus service available for students.

In an effort to reduce the impact of classroom dollars being used to provide school bus service, the Calaveras Unified School District is implementing a fee-based program for home to school transportation. While the fee doesn't cover the actual total cost, it helps to reduce the amount of classroom funds used to provide transportation.

For the safety of our students, all students will be required to carry a bus pass daily in order to board the bus in the morning and afternoon. Bus passes identify the student is authorized to ride the bus. Students who qualify for free or reduced meals will be eligible for free or reduced bus passes.

Attached is the School Bus Pass Application. As indicated on the application, the bus pass allowing student access to transportation service will cost \$180 per year. Free, reduced, and family rates are also included on the application. We recommend mailing the application; however, bus fee applications will be processed at the Transportation Office beginning June 13, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Bus schedules will be posted online by July 11, 2011.

All processed bus passes will be distributed to students during the first week of school. Please allow one (1) week processing time from the date that you submit your application for your child to receive their bus pass. Your child's driver and/or school staff will deliver all bus passes processed after the first day of school.

Information on obtaining a bus pass is available on our website: www.calaveras.k12.ca.us, by calling our office at (209) 754-2315, or e-mailing contacts on our website.

Sincerely,

Andrew Peters
Transportation Supervisor

Attachment

cc: Mark Campbell, Superintendent
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