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Dear Klein ISD Family,

On June 16, the Klein ISD community rejected a proposed tax increase in the Klein ISD Tax Ratification Election (TRE). As a result of the voters' decision, the school district has been forced to reduce its operational budget by more than \$32 million dollars. The transportation department was tasked with identifying measures to be taken to trim expenses through efficiencies and service-level reductions while transporting students safely to and from school.

What is changing in transportation?

There are two significant changes in bus transportation.

1. The number of bus stops have been reduced, resulting in fewer bus routes.
2. "Grandfathered" high school students who are currently being transported by bus to a campus other than their home campus will be required to provide their own transportation.

How will this affect my student?

- Students may have to walk further to their bus stop. New bus routes are available at kisd.us/bus. Please go onto this webpage to verify your route and bus stop for the 2018-19 school year.
- Twelfth (12th) graders who live in the current Klein Cain school attendance area will continue to receive bus service to their current campus since the classes they require to graduate are not available at Klein Cain. All other students who received bus service to their old home campus will no longer be bus eligible and must provide their own transportation if they wish to continue at their old campus.

Why have the number of routes been reduced?

Increasing the distance students walk to a bus stop reduces the number of stops a bus makes in the subdivision, which can improve on-time performance, gas mileage and capacity efficiency.

How was this decision made?

Utilizing the *Routing Efficiency Study* conducted by Transfinder Corporation in 2017 and the results from the annual Benchmark4Excellence Study, the department identified multiple routes that will be eliminated—thereby reducing overall transportation costs. Integral to the elimination of the routes is increasing the walk-to-stop distances students must travel and reducing overlap of certain routes.

Is Klein within walk-to-stop ratios of surrounding districts?

We are still below the distances used in surrounding districts.

We diligently worked to ensure that these changes maintained student safety and created the least disruption while still achieving the financial reductions required to achieve a balanced budget. Please contact the Transportation Department 832.249.4566 if you have any further questions.