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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s);

Re: Changes to the walk limit for Brentwood School

I am writing to inform you of the changes to the walk limit for Brentwood School effective the 2010-2011 school year.

Effective June 2008, the Chief Superintendent approved revisions to CBE transportation policy (Administrative Regulation 6095 – Student Transportation), which resulted in the establishment of a transportation service area for each school. A transportation service area consists of a transportation zone, the residential boundary for students eligible for busing, and a walk zone, the residential boundary for students who will be required to walk or arrange for their own transportation to and from school. As the provincial School Act requires Alberta school boards to offer transportation service for all students who reside more than 2.4kms from their designated school, all walk zone distances will fall under this 2.4kms distance.

CBE Transportation Services has adopted the transportation service area model in order to offer more consistent, logical and responsive boundaries. Walk zones enable the CBE to take safety, grade configurations, natural community boundaries (i.e. ravines, infrastructure, etc) and environmental factors into consideration. Walk zone boundaries are determined by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), which consists of representatives from CBE Transportation Services, CBE Communications, elementary and middle school principals, special education, Calgary Association of Parent and School Councils and the Calgary Police Service, where their input is deemed beneficial.

Attached is a map showing the new walk zone for Brentwood School. Students living within the walk zone will not be eligible for subsidized transportation services as of the effective date. Transportation services for special needs students will continue to be determined in consultation with the specialist and therefore may not be affected by the new walk zone.

If the new walk zone or transportation zone results in a change in your child(ren)'s eligibility for transportation after the effective date, you can contact your school for a copy of all pertinent information and forms excluding appeal forms. Because of the TAC decision making process

walk zones are not subject to appeal. Please remember to review parent responsibilities as set out in CBE Administrative Regulation 6096– Transportation Responsibilities and School Bus Rules, available on the CBE website – www.cbe.ab.ca - under Policies.

Sincerely,



Phil Carlton
Director

Attachment: Walk Zone Map