



## MSD Wayne prepares families for bus stop changes



The Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township is working to make sure families are ready for changes in bus stop locations for the 2014-15 school year, which starts August 1.

MSD Wayne announced last spring that it would modify its bus schedule in an effort to operate within a reduced transportation budget as a result of decreases in property tax collections. The modifications being made to MSD Wayne's transportation schedule will allow the district to run and maintain fewer buses, saving an additional \$450,000 each year. Pick-up points will be modified to reduce the number of stops each bus makes on a route.

"Our new routing system helped us to map out our common bus stops," says Janet Petrisin, transportation director for MSD Wayne. The new routing system has been created by Transfinder, a company that specializes in transportation routing and scheduling. "This system will help us be more efficient and fiscally responsible, and at the same time allow us to safely transport our students," Petrisin said.

MSD Wayne has mailed postcards to the families of each bus rider in the district, providing each student's bus stop location and pick-up and drop-off times. The postcard also provides

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information on how to utilize the district website's transportation page, which tells families even more about MSD Wayne's transportation services. That webpage can be accessed by clicking on the "Bus Stop Info" icon on the district's homepage, [www.wayne.k12.in.us](http://www.wayne.k12.in.us).

In addition to notifying families by mail, MSD Wayne Superintendent Jeff Butts sent a phone call to MSD Wayne families to remind them of this year's transportation changes. "Our change in bus stop locations is a visible sign of the fiscal responsibility that we are working hard to demonstrate throughout the district," he said. "As we've made these changes, our first priority has been the safe transportation of students to and from school. We're excited to begin the school year with a plan in place that will ensure ongoing transportation to and from school and allow us to continue to display good stewardship of our taxpayers' dollars."

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