May 31, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

The Utah State Board of Education sets state standards for busing eligibility. For grades K-6, these standards mandate that if a child resides greater than 1.5 miles from the nearest public access to the school property, they are eligible for district transportation. For grades 7-12, this standard is 2 miles.

A few years ago, a walking path was installed along Bluebird Lane that reduced the formal distance to Jeremy Ranch Elementary School (JRES) by 3/10ths of a mile for many homes within the JRES boundary. A map is attached to show the newly adjusted transportation eligible distances.

These changes are effective beginning in the 2023-24 school year.

While your child may not be formally eligible for transportation to JRES, the Park City School District (PCSD) will still transport ineligible children on a space available basis. The number of seats on PCSD buses is limited, however, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Please see the PCSD website, Transportation button, Space Available section, to download the form and gain information on how and when to sign up for space available busing.** *Insert link here:*

PCSD recognizes that the walk to/from JRES from upper Jeremy Ranch neighborhoods, particularly in the winter, is a challenge. While PCSD is considering adding a non-state supported route at district expense to meet this challenge, the historic driver shortage makes staffing this route impossible at this time. If driver numbers improve, service may be added.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to stay in compliance with Utah state standards for school bus operations.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at (435) 645-5660.

Sincerely,

Richard Eddington

Director of Transportation

Park City School District