



HIGHLAND FALLS-FORT MONTGOMERY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Michael McElduff, Superintendent of Schools

Friday, August 16, 2024

Dear Highland Falls - Fort Montgomery Community,

As you may know, the District has made the decision to close the FMES building for the 2024-2025 school year to facilitate the completion of the Capital Project. During multiple Board of Education meetings and a Town Hall session, the District provided the community with information regarding these changes. We have engaged in several constructive discussions and have prioritized transparency with the community concerning the upcoming transitions.

One of the topics we discussed was regarding students in grades K-2 who live within a 0.7-mile distance from Highland Falls Intermediate School and their eligibility for bus transportation. This policy aligns with the guidelines for students in grades 3-6 for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. The 0.7-mile distance requirement is part of the District's long-standing policy that was approved by the community some time ago. We'd like to remind everyone that students in grades K-6 who live within a 0.7 mile radius of HFIS are not eligible for bus transportation. Thank you for your understanding.

Additionally, the District has put together an FAQ on our website to provide detailed information in response to questions from the community over the past three months. We are committed to keeping everyone updated on the progress of the Capital Project throughout the 2024-2025 school year. Below are the links to the FAQ pages.

We recognize that these changes might be a bit challenging for some families, and we truly value your understanding and flexibility as we make adjustments for the upcoming school year. Thank you for being so supportive!

If you have any questions please reach out to the Transportation Office or your building administrator.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael McElduff

Superintendent of Schools