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October 23, 2017

To the parents of the Dieringer School District Elementary Students residing at the Belara Apts. and the Terrace View Townhouse Development:

According to the Home Owners' Association at the Terrace View Townhouse Development, there has been an ongoing problem with the bus stop currently located at the corner of Alexander PL SE and Terrace View Dr SE.

Some of the reported problems are as follows:

- *Cars are blocking the driveways of residents.
- *Children and parents are waiting for the bus in other people's yards, causing damage to the landscapes.
- *The noise from people and their pets are bothering residents who are still sleeping.

As a result of these complaints, the HOA has asked the District to move the bus stop. It was our hope that the letter sent out to the residents at both the Belara and Terrace View Townhouses, by the Terrace View HOA, would rectify the problem. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

From the District's point of view, our #1 concern is the safety of our students. We revisited the site and have determined that moving the bus stop to East Valley HWY location, suggested by the townhouse HOA, is not the best option for children. We feel that a better alternative would be to pick up the elementary students who live in the Belara Apartments at the corner of Terrace View Ln. and Terrace View Dr SE. The elementary students that live in the Terrace View Townhouses will be picked up at the corner of Alexander PL SE and 61st PL SE.

It is our hope that this will reduce much of the traffic and noise problem, and possibly the damage to landscapes. However, the District has no ability to control the behavior of the students prior to boarding the bus. It is the parents' responsibility to monitor their children, to teach them to be respectful of other people's property, and to be mindful of the other residents' rights.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We will begin using these new stops on Monday Nov. 6th 2017

Thank you,

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