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Dear APS Parents and Guardians:

The APS Transportation Department has experienced challenges in transporting students to and from school in a timely manner during the current school year due to a shortage of buses and bus drivers.

Due to a number of factors, we expect the 2008-09 school year to be even more challenging. These factors include:

- increasing fuel costs
- additional school bus routes for new schools
- a state-mandated 10-minute addition to the middle school schedule
- adoption of standardized schedules at all APS high schools

To provide our families with high quality, economical bus service, APS is proposing school bell time changes for the next school year. The proposed changes would affect all district schools.

APS has developed four scenarios for bell time changes that would utilize more effective bus routes throughout the district. APS staff will share this information with school staff and parents through a number of communication methods, including open houses held at four schools. Open houses will be held on:

Wednesday, April 2
6-8 p.m.

East Middle School - Commons
1275 Frasier St.

Thursday, April 3
6-8 p.m.

Aurora Hills Middle School - Commons
1009 S. Uvalda St.

Monday, April 7
6-8 p.m.

Aurora Frontier K-8 - Gymnasium
3200 S. Jericho Way

Tuesday, April 8
6-8 p.m.

West Middle School - Gymnasium
10100 E. 13th Ave.

Parents and staff members may provide feedback on the proposed scenarios at any of the open houses. To view the scenarios and provide feedback online, visit www.aps.k12.co.us/district-info/belltimes.html.

Feedback will be shared with the APS Board of Education on Tuesday, April 15. The board will make a final decision shortly thereafter. Community members are encouraged to attend an open house or the April 15 board meeting to learn more about the proposed scenarios and to ask questions.

We are dedicated to providing you and your student with high quality transportation services. Please feel free to contact me at 303-365-7812 or awsturges@aps.k12.co.us if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Anthony Sturges
Chief Operating Officer