



## MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Mt Pleasant Public Schools Families,

These are challenging times we are experiencing right now. The Novel Corona Virus has turned the world on its ear, making most aspects of life a challenge. Schooling our children is no exception. One effect of the virus is that it has caused serious budget shortfalls for school districts, and they find themselves having to make difficult decisions.

All of our departments had to take significant cuts, and as a result, it was deemed necessary to cut bus routes. Unfortunately, because of already crowded buses, and a shortage of bus drivers, the only way to achieve this was to cut bussing to students who live in town within the borders of Pickard St. to the north, Broomfield Rd to the south, Isabella Rd on the east, and Bradley St. on the west. This decision was not made lightly, knowing that it will be a hardship on many families.

For some families, our local I-Ride system could be of help. Here is important information regarding their program. I-Ride offers different options for parents to get their children to school.

- Punch card: for children under the age of 18 yrs, there is a card with 44 rides for \$50, and another with 22 rides for \$25. The drawback to the punch card is that the student must carry the card, and if it is lost, I-Ride will not replace it.
- Semester pass. Unlimited round trip rides are \$540/year, and can be paid in two \$270 payments: one in September before school starts, and one in February.
- One way ride pass for \$270/year, which can also be split into two payments. For any additional children in the same family, the round trip pass is \$414 – or two payments of \$207, and the one-way pass is \$208 – or two payments of \$104.

If any of these options would be helpful to you, call I-Ride at (989) 772-9441. They can answer any questions you might have, and can get your children set up to ride to school. Please call them as soon as possible in order to assure pick up on the first day of school.

We are very sorry for this inconvenience.

Kind regards,

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