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Subject: Bus route 16

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Hello

My son and daughter both take the bus to and from school to Frank j Ney because we are in the Rutherford school catchment. As a parent that actively participated in the HASTe program, Active and Safe Routes to School Program and Active Travel Committee to work with decision makers, law enforcement agencies and community partners to explore barriers and generate solutions, I am quite surprised by this decision.

After all the programs, the safe route to the school for these students chosen was the bus. The bus is full daily, sometimes having to make 2 trips. One of the highest rider ships and this is during COVID, where parents are scared to have their child on the bus. I have been driving my children more and more this year due to the bus ridership being high and not being able to have space in the bus.

The drive to 5 option that was suggested in the school travel plan, best routes map is dangerous and has very limited parking on Entwistle. This is already an unsafe pickup/drop off area that will only get worse with the cancellation of this bus route. Most parents will drive as it is a 25 minute walk at a brisk pace with my children from our house and we live by the closest bus stop (breonna) to the school.

The school parking lot is already unsafe due to high traffic and long line ups of cars waiting to get back up Williamson to Hammond bay. The school sends emails out on a regular bases to parents in regards to safe pickup/drop options.

I am very disheartened by this decision and would like to speak with someone about this proposed cancellation. Im requesting more information provided on what the safe routes will be with the cancellation of the bus and how the additional traffic will be handled at the already unsafe areas.

Sincerely
Kimberly Qvist
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