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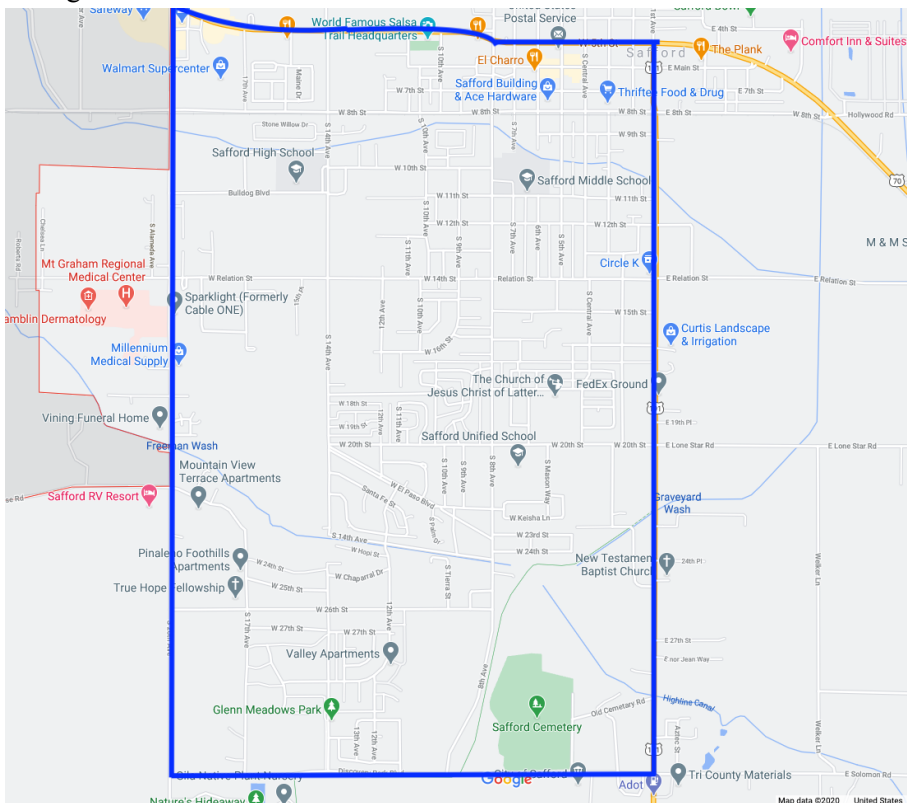
Dear Parents,

July 25, 2022

We've had a very difficult time hiring bus drivers. Our Governing Board agreed to raise bus driver pay in May of 2022. We have still not secured enough drivers for all of our routes. We are continuing our efforts to hire quality drivers and part of the process is training and securing their proper certification. We will have to start the school year by canceling some routes closest to the schools so we can continue our services to those farther away. As soon as we can hire enough bus drivers, we will start up the normal routes that are inside the regular bussing zone. The map below indicates the area INSIDE the blue line where routes are temporarily suspended. The areas OUTSIDE the blue line will continue to have bus services as scheduled. Preschool and the special education-only busses will still pick up at all regular bus stops in accordance with their IEP. Regular routes within the following boundaries have been temporarily canceled so students will not be picked up or dropped off:

- East of 20th Avenue to West of Highway 191
- South of Highway 70 to North of Discovery Park

Thank you for being patient during this time. Pickup and drop off times may vary for a while, but please be at your stop at the regular time. We will resume the normal bus routes as soon as we can and thank you for your understanding.



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