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Transportation Update:

In previous years, limited neighborhood-to-school transportation was provided for Coronado Middle School and Silver Strand Elementary School students living in the Strand Housing and the Cays.

On June 30, 2020, CUSD's 5-year contract with South Bay School District to provide home-to-school bus transportation ended. Consistent with legal requirements for contracting, CUSD staff released multiple "Requests for Proposals" (RFP) in the summer of 2020 in hopes of securing a new contract with a vendor to continue this service. CUSD did not receive any bids. In preparation for the start of the 2021-2022 school year, CUSD released another RFP to secure a contract for home-to-school bus transportation. Staff individually contacted over 50 public and private agencies (including the City of Coronado, all San Diego school districts and private bussing companies) encouraging them to bid for this work.

Despite our best efforts, _CUSD did not receive any bids_, and is unable to provide home-to-school transportation for the 2021-2022 school year. Most vendors/districts, including South Bay (previous provider) and private charter bus companies cited the lack of staffing (industry shortage of bus drivers) and the uncertainties related to operations under COVID 19 as their reason for not being able to service the CUSD route.

CUSD is working closely with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to secure and provide free bus passes for families interested in this alternative solution. If you are interested in obtaining free bus passes for your eligible students or if you would like to receive updates on future transportation developments, please complete this **interest form** and a member of our team will reach out to you with more information.

We remain committed to exploring opportunities to restore bussing to and from the Cays and Strand and will continue to keep our school community updated throughout the school year.

Respectfully,

Donnie Salamanca
Deputy Superintendent