April 29, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Bulloch County Schools is changing transportation zones (bus routes) for Sallie Zetterower Elementary School (SZES) and Langston Chapel Elementary (LCES) for 2015-16. As a result, approximately 140 LCES students, who are bus riders, will be moved to SZES, beginning the first day of school (August 3). Affected families will receive a separate letter in the mail. Attendance zones, which are based on property addresses, are not changing for either school for 2015-16.

We are fortunate to live in one of Georgia’s fastest growing counties. Our school system and community keep pace with this growth by ensuring that we have adequate public school facilities for our children. Over the past 10 years, the Bulloch County Board of Education has invested more than $100 million to build new schools and renovate existing one. This ensures sufficient physical space to educate students. Therefore, we must optimize the use of these facilities to ensure students are learning in an environment that is spacious and safe.

**Why is a transportation zone change necessary?**

LCES is at maximum capacity with 788 students and is not able to support expected student growth for the next year. SZES has 532 students, which is only 55 percent of its available capacity. Since our newer schools were built with excess capacity to accommodate growth, it is necessary to move some students. This will alleviate overcrowding at LCES and balance capacity at both schools.

**Who is affected?**

LCES families whose child rides a bus, and who live in these areas: (1) the vicinity of Georgia Highway 67 (Fair Road); (2) Burkhalter Road (between Fair and Rushing Roads); and (3) Lanier Road (see list on back for specific addresses and roads).

**Does the transportation zone change affect prekindergarten & kindergarten students?**

Yes, if your child is a current or future LCES prekindergarten or kindergarten student, who resides in the affected area and is a bus rider for 2015-16, he/she will now attend SZES.

**Can my child remain at Langston Chapel Elementary School (LCES)?**

Yes, if your child rides a bus, and you live in the identified areas, your child may remain at LCES, but you will have to provide transportation.

**We live in the affected area, but my child is a car rider. May I move my child to SZES?**

Yes. A parent or guardian needs to complete a Zoning Hardship Request Form, which is available at [www.bulloch.k12.ga.us](http://www.bulloch.k12.ga.us) or from your school. You can submit completed forms to our Transportation Department by fax at 912-212-8649; email to ggalvin@bullochschools.org or hand delivery to 219 Simons Road. Due to the transportation rezoning, your request will be approved. This process is just necessary in order for schools to identify students who are attending a school that is out of his/her attendance zone.

Sallie Zetterower’s faculty is ready to welcome our Langston Chapel Elementary families and make them feel at home at their new school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Julie Mizell, Principal of Sallie Zetterower Elementary