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Nicholas Ridge CORRECTED

2 messages

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Mon, Jul 20, 2026 at 6:58 AM

EDITED

Here is the updated memo. Apologies for not getting it submitted earlier.

Board Memorandum

To: Elizabethtown Independent Schools Board of Education
From: Travis Gay, Director of Student Services / Director of Pupil Personnel
Subject: Nicholas Ridge Transportation Transition

Background

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Since February 2026, district staff have communicated directly with all affected Nicholas Ridge families regarding the planned conclusion of this temporary transportation accommodation. These conversations have been ongoing throughout the 2026–2027 school year to provide families ample time to consider the educational option that best meets the needs of their children and to make any necessary arrangements before implementation.

Recommendation

Beginning with the 2027–2028 school year, district transportation will no longer be provided between Nicholas Ridge and Morningside Elementary School.

Transportation will continue to be provided to Helmwood Heights Elementary School, which remains the assigned attendance school for students residing in the Nicholas Ridge subdivision under the 2020 redistricting adjustment.

Families whose students are currently enrolled at Morningside Elementary under any applicable district enrollment provisions may do so; however, transportation to and from Morningside Elementary will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

New Student Enrollment Clarification

Effective with the 2027–2028 school year, all new enrollments residing in the Nicholas Ridge subdivision will be enrolled at Helmwood Heights Elementary School, the subdivision's assigned attendance school. District transportation will be provided to Helmwood Heights in accordance with Board policy and established transportation procedures.

Fiscal and Operational Impact

This transition aligns transportation services with established attendance boundaries, improves routing efficiency, and allows the district to better utilize transportation resources during an ongoing school bus driver shortage while continuing to provide transportation to each student's assigned attendance school.

Requested Board Action

This memorandum is presented for Board information and to document the district's implementation of the previously established attendance boundary assignment and the conclusion of the temporary transportation accommodation effective with the 2027–2028 school year.



On Mon, Jul 20, 2026, 6:47 AM Travis Gay <travis.gay@etown.kyschools.us> wrote:
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On Sun, Jul 19, 2026, 10:20 PM Paul Mullins <paul.mullins@etown.kyschools.us> wrote:
Anything needed for the agenda/meeting?

Paul



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Paul Mullins reacted via [Gmail](#)