



Special Education Busing Proposal

July 13, 2026



The Why

Buses carrying students receiving Special Education services currently enter off Morningside and have to execute a several point turn in the narrow driveway to exit back onto Morningside.

Several buses have hit the building resulting in extra stress on students and damage to the building, buses and pavement.





Steps Taken to Date

A community approach to the solution:

- GPPSS and Plante Moran met with GPWoods, Director Kosanke and Jim Kowalski October 2025
- GPPSS went door to door last fall after we met with GP Woods employees and left letters with all residents in the area. They were appreciative of the proactive outreach.
- Woods representatives asked for a remote control for the fence not manual opening/closing and GPPSS complied
- Plante Moran reached out for project review data prior to starting summer construction as planned
- Ms. Como informed us this would require council approval May 18
- Woods officials met with GPPSS to view the bus turns June 2
- GPPSS added signage per city specification, adjusted the ornamental fence design, resubmitted the letter, and are here to answer questions about the proposal



The Proposal

- **Only four (4) buses carrying students receiving special education services will exit onto Wedgewood two (2) times per day.**
 - a. **Morning drop off is scheduled after regular arrival, and dismissal before regular dismissal.** This alternate schedule:
 - i. reduce stress on students receiving special education services
 - ii. minimizes concern about others using this entrance/exit
 - b. Only these buses and emergency snow removal will open the locked gate with remote control.
 - c. **Emergency access through the gate for Fire/Emergency would be provided to public safety** with a remote control in the existing two knox boxes behind North.
- **No parking spaces will be eliminated.** Bused students are dropped off where the administrative offices jut out between the glass staircases. We do not anticipate any loss of parking spaces as this makes it a simple left turn onto Wedgewood.



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