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From: MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program
To: MCAS Yuma Families with K-12 children

Subj: PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ABOARD MCAS YUMA

1. The School Liaison Program would like to provide clarification for families living aboard the installation who have questions regarding public school bus transportation services for their K-12 children and school attendance boundaries.
2. MCAS Yuma resides within the school attendance boundaries of the following Yuma Elementary School District No. 1 and Yuma Union High School District No. 70 public schools:
 - a. James B. Rolle Elementary School, K-5 (Yuma Elementary School District No.1)
 - b. R. Pete Woodard Junior High School, 6-8 (Yuma Elementary School District No. 1)
 - c. Kofa High School, 9-12 (Yuma Union High School District No. 70)
 - d. K-12 children living aboard the installation are zoned to attend these schools and therefore these schools must offer them enrollment.
 - e. MCAS Yuma does not reside within the attendance boundaries for any Crane Elementary School District No. 13 school.
3. School districts are inclined, but not statutorily required, to provide transportation for K-12 children who attend their schools, particularly students who attend the school they are zoned for, and are permitted to make governing board policies regarding how and where those services are provided.
4. Furthermore, it is important for families to be aware of Crane Elementary School District's governing board policy regarding bus transportation for students:

School Board Policy EE: "Transportation of students is a privilege extended to students in the District, and is not a statutory requirement except for necessary transportation of students with disabilities as indicated in their respective individual education programs."

5. Traditionally, Crane Elementary School District No. 13 has graciously agreed to provide transportation for families living

on base whose K-8 children attend their schools despite the installation not residing within their school attendance boundaries. We appreciate this relationship with Crane School District and realize that their priority must be to serve the needs of students who live within their attendance boundaries to the greatest extent possible in order to create equity for their families and maximize available transportation resources.

6. Due to the current need to increase bus sanitation procedures coupled with a significant bus transportation staffing shortage, Crane School District has decided to temporarily suspend transportation services to families living aboard the installation for the time being. It is not known when or if this transportation service will be reinstated or whether it will be reinstated at anytime during the 2020-2021 school year. Services will be evaluated for reinstatement as staffing resources become available.
7. We understand that on-base families whose children are enrolled in and attend Crane District Schools are understandably frustrated by the lack of school bus transportation for their children, however, we hope this announcement will provide clarification so that families who choose to apply for open enrollment will be better informed and be ready to create back up transportation plans for their children to be able to attend the school of their choice in person.
8. Families living aboard the installation can find up to date bus transportation maps and schedules on the MCCS Yuma website at: <http://mccsyuma.org/index.cfm/military-family/school-liaison/school-bus-information/>

Families who have questions regarding K-12 education offerings and school bus transportation are encouraged to contact the MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program at (928) 269-5373 or at yumaschoolliaison@usmc-mccs.org