



# **W. L. Henry Elementary School**

Pupil Transportation Impacts

# Walter L. Henry Elementary School

Hillsboro School District

We offer a bilingual education

345 students

76 % English Language Learners (ELL)

100 % free breakfast and lunch, Community Eligibility Provision of the Healthy,  
Hunger Free Kids Act (2013)

# W. L. Henry's Busing

The school had busing but lost it in the 2009-2010 school year.

Parents have concerns about their students walking and have limited options.

- Pay others to drive their children

- Walk with their children

- Worry about their children

Parents knew this was an issue and have worked to solve it.

- Hillsboro School District

- Rep. Susan McLain

- You! - House Education Committee

# Safety and Health of Students

## Street conditions

Lack of sidewalks

Lack of street lights

Cars in the area speed, ignore traffic laws

Dark, foggy in the morning

## Risks

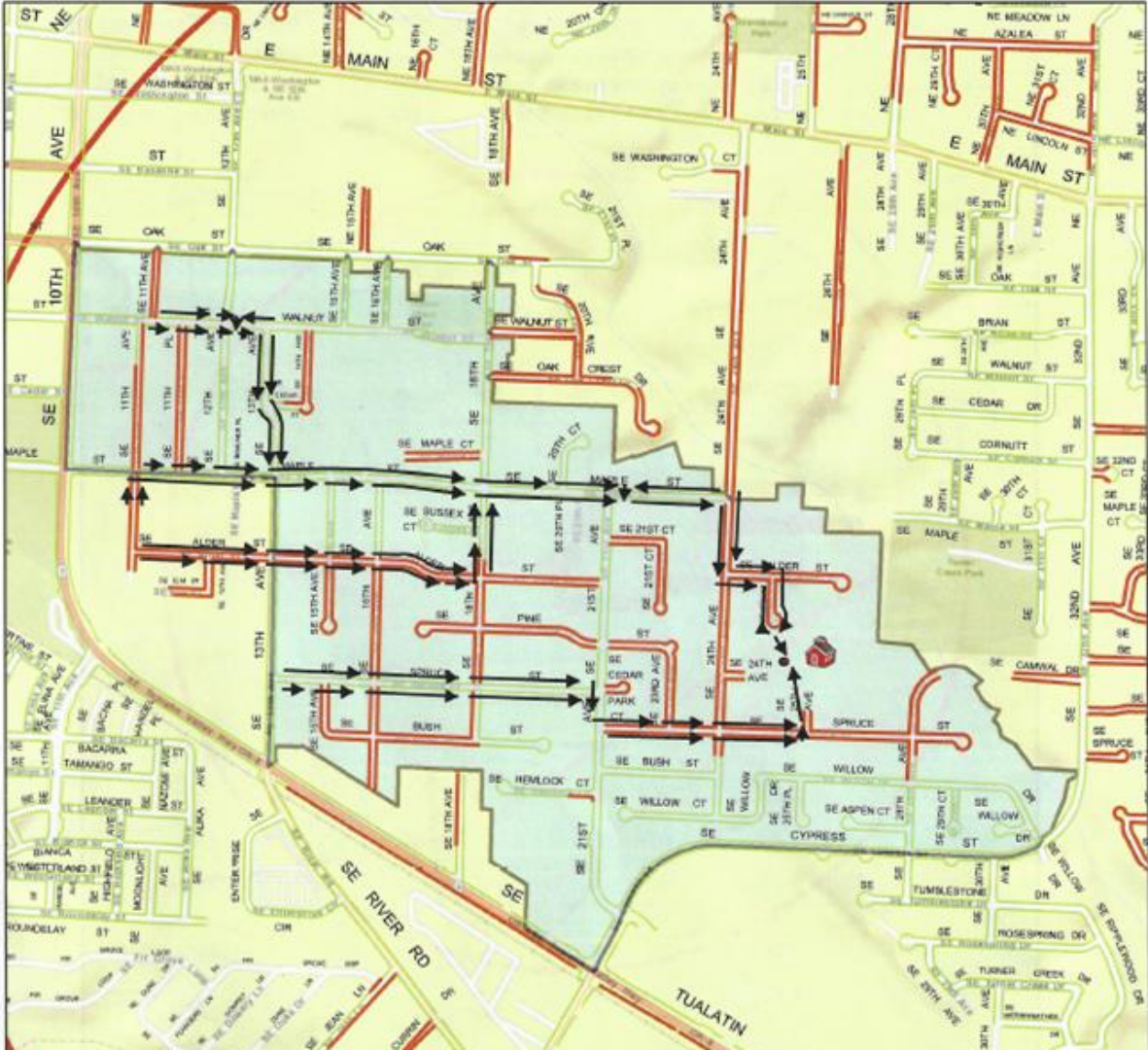
Stranger danger

Found syringes on the sidewalk

Loose dogs

Cold and wet outside, children get sick

Asthmatic children walking



KEY:

- Red lines indicate streets that lack sidewalks
- Black arrows show our official pathways
- The highlighted area is W.L. Henry's boundaries



# Comparison

W. L. Henry Elementary School (no busing) & Eastwood Elementary School (busing)

## Similarities

High ELL percentages (76%, 50%)

A large population of mobile students (15%, 13.4%)

Both qualify for federal mandated 100% free lunch

## Differences

W.L. Henry's median class size is 4 children smaller (23, 27)

W.L. Henry's Regular Attenders are almost 5% lower

W. L. Henry has ~150 LESS students than Eastwood, we had 8 MORE chronically absent students

# Student Achievement

## Attendance

The Chronic Absenteeism Report identified transportation as a potential barrier to attendance. That rings true at W. L. Henry.

## Tardiness

We have observed that students come in later when it's rainy, cold, and/or icy.

## Focus

Teachers tell me that it takes longer to get the class in order when it rains. Students come in wet and cold, they are warming up and it affects their focus.



Thank you.