

## **Etiwanda district asks parents to voice concerns**

Etiwanda School District has posted a link on the front page of its website, where parents can relay their concerns over the impact of the state fiscal crisis on home-to-school transportation.

The Rancho Cucamonga-based district board in April approved the reduction of all busing services affecting about 2,800 students for the current school year.

However, busing is still available for special-education students. It is also provided to students who use a bus through the Individualized Education Program.

The suspension of transportation has left a lot of Etiwanda Colony Elementary School parents frustrated over the resulting traffic mess.

The link on the website — at [www.etiwanda.k12.ca.us](http://www.etiwanda.k12.ca.us) — will download a letter written by Superintendent Shawn Judson, who thanks drivers who are doing their part to make the transportation suspension work and at the same time urging them to voice their unhappiness to state officials.

The letter reads, "The formula used by the state of California to fund student transportation is out of date and unfair. The formula has not been adjusted for increases to student enrollment since 1980. Our district is receiving substantially the same funding in 2010, when we have over 12,800 students, as we did in 1980, when we had only 576 students.

"Please take a moment to contact your state Assembly member and state senator, urging your representatives to create a new transportation

funding formula that is fair and based upon current enrollment."

Once submitted, letters are generated automatically to Assemblyman Bill Emmerson, R-Rancho Cucamonga, Sen. Bob Dutton, R-Rancho Cucamonga, Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter, D-Rialto, and Sen. Gloria Negrete McLeod, D-Montclair.

You can print the letters from your browser, or copy and paste them into your word processor.