



Prairie Hills USD 113
Preparing Kids, Shaping the Future
Axtell - Sabetha - Wetmore

June 12, 2023

Dear USD 335, Jackson Heights Board of Education,

The USD 113 Board of Education is interested in providing a written proposal about a land transfer to the USD 335 Board of Education. The USD 113 BOE maintains that this process is best served by exchanging written documents. This allows both boards of education and administration an opportunity to thoroughly research and consider options.

The USD 113 Board of Education does believe that a prudent transfer of territory will be a positive move for the students formerly attending the Wetmore Academic Center. This allows for constituents to have representation on the board of education where their students attend school. It also allows for districts to receive state transportation funding for these students.

In considering both USD 113 and USD 335, we believe that the geographical area dictates the most logical rationale for district boundaries outlined on the enclosed map. We have enclosed a map of the proposal for a transfer of territory that we are offering.

In addition to the proposed transfer of territory, USD 113 has carefully watched the School Finance package that has recently passed into law. With this in mind, USD 113 is willing to discuss providing USD 335 with the equivalent of transportation weighting. This offer is subject to the following:

1. Students must have attended the Wetmore School for the entire 2022-23 school year.
2. Students must live in the identified area of the proposed land transfer.
3. USD 335 offers transportation to all students from #1 and #2.
4. After September, 20, 2023, USD 335 will provide USD 113 a list of students who are eligible. USD 113 will verify those students meet the previously mentioned requirements.
5. Service must be door-to-door with consideration given to reasonable pick-up points within the municipality of Wetmore.
6. The rate of transportation weighting that USD 113 received for the 2022-23 school year will be used to determine compensation. (359 eligible students generated 88.8 FTE = 24.7% of BSAPP. With \$5,088 as 2023-24 Base State Aid Per pupil, this equates to \$1,258 per student).
7. Payment will be made on June 1, 2024.

Furthermore, as indicated on the map of the proposed transfer, USD 113 has communicated with USD 380 about a similar proposal. In the event that USD 380 is not willing to consider the land transfer offer, USD 113 is willing to discuss with USD 335 the possibility of extending land to the west as far as USD 335 desires within the USD 113 designated transfer boundary.

We feel this proposal is both fair and equitable. The USD 113 Board of Education requests a response by July 17, 2023. If we do not have an acceptable written response by that date, this offer will be rescinded.

In the interest of transparency, this information will be made public. We look forward to your prompt request.

Respectfully,

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